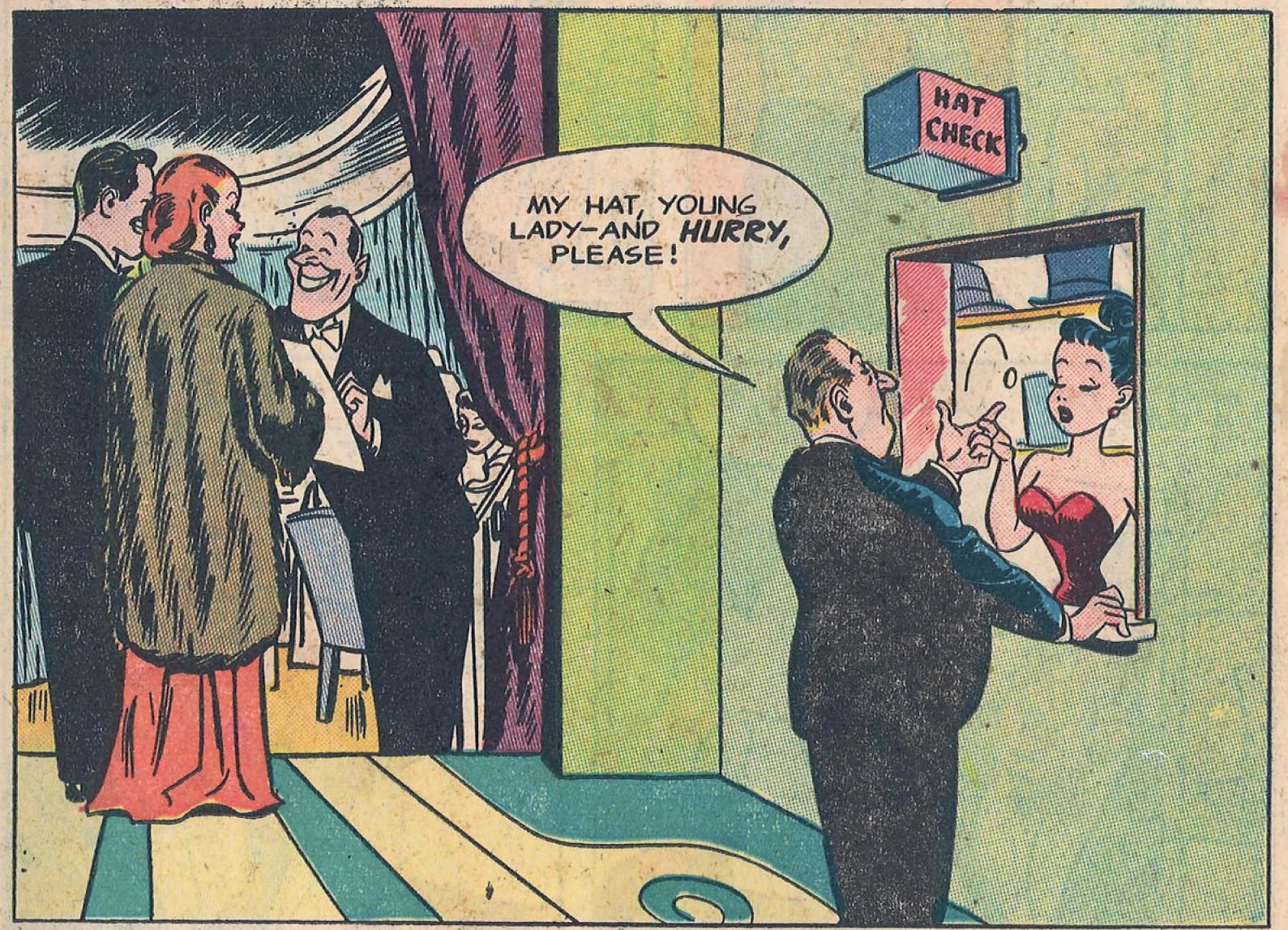


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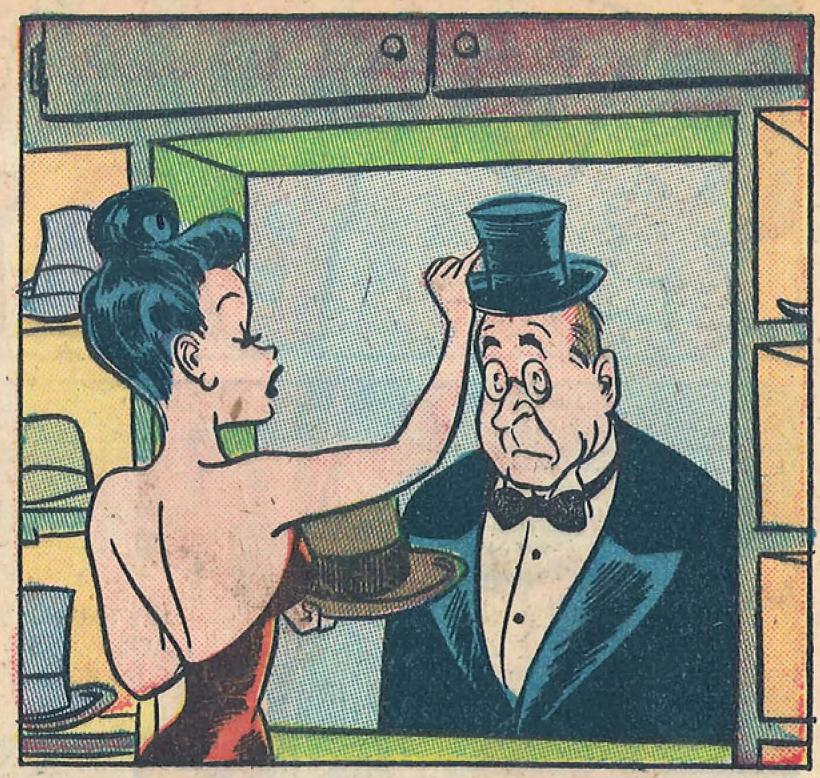






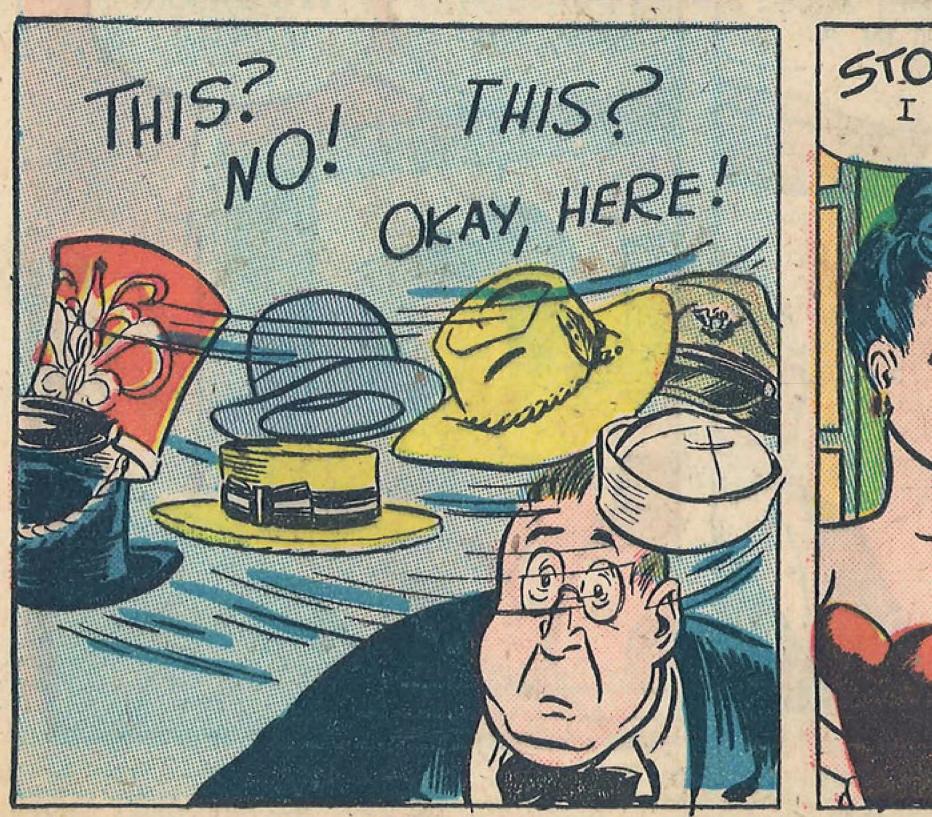
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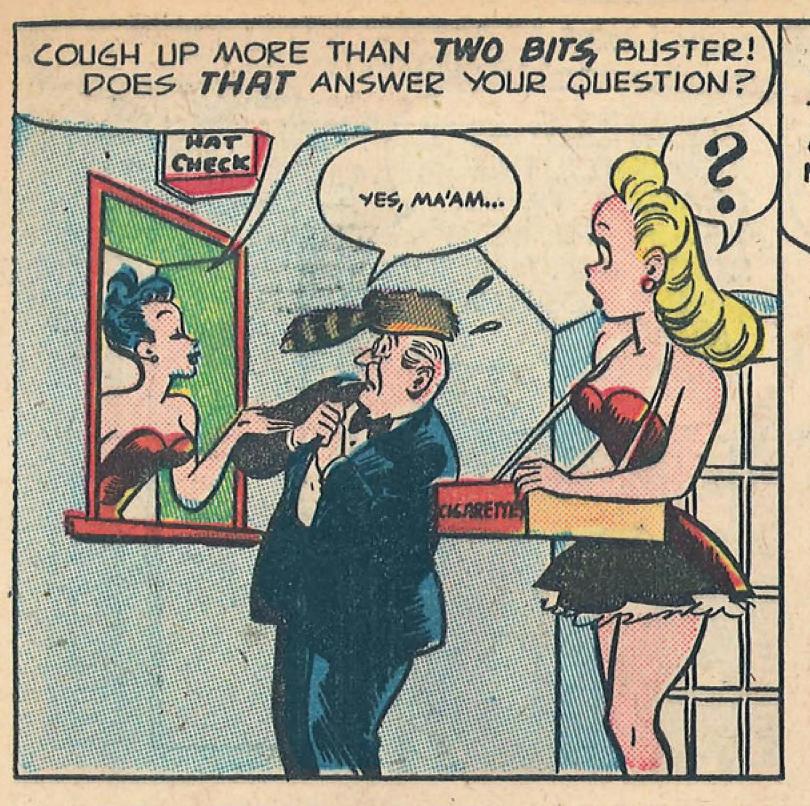


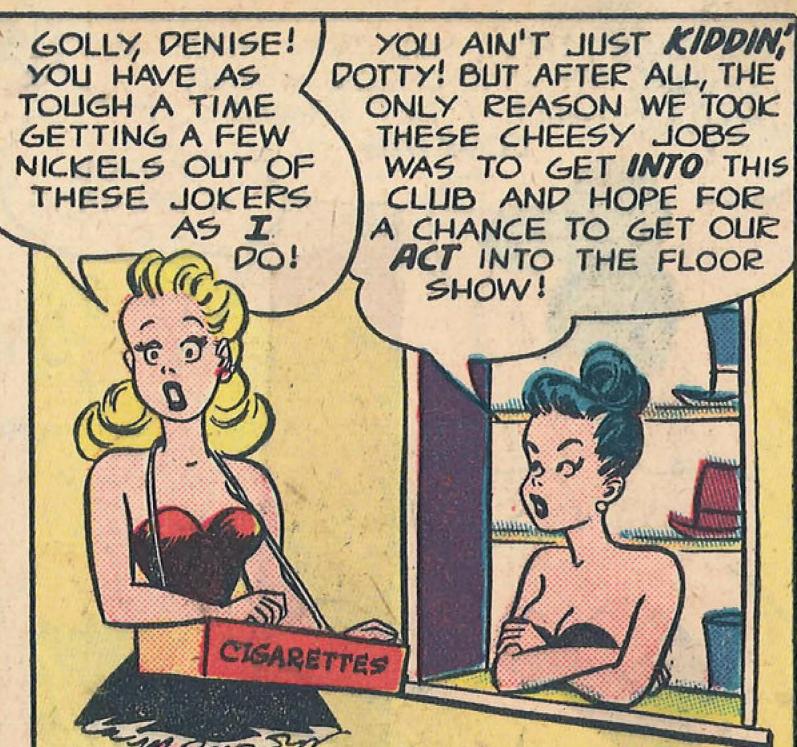










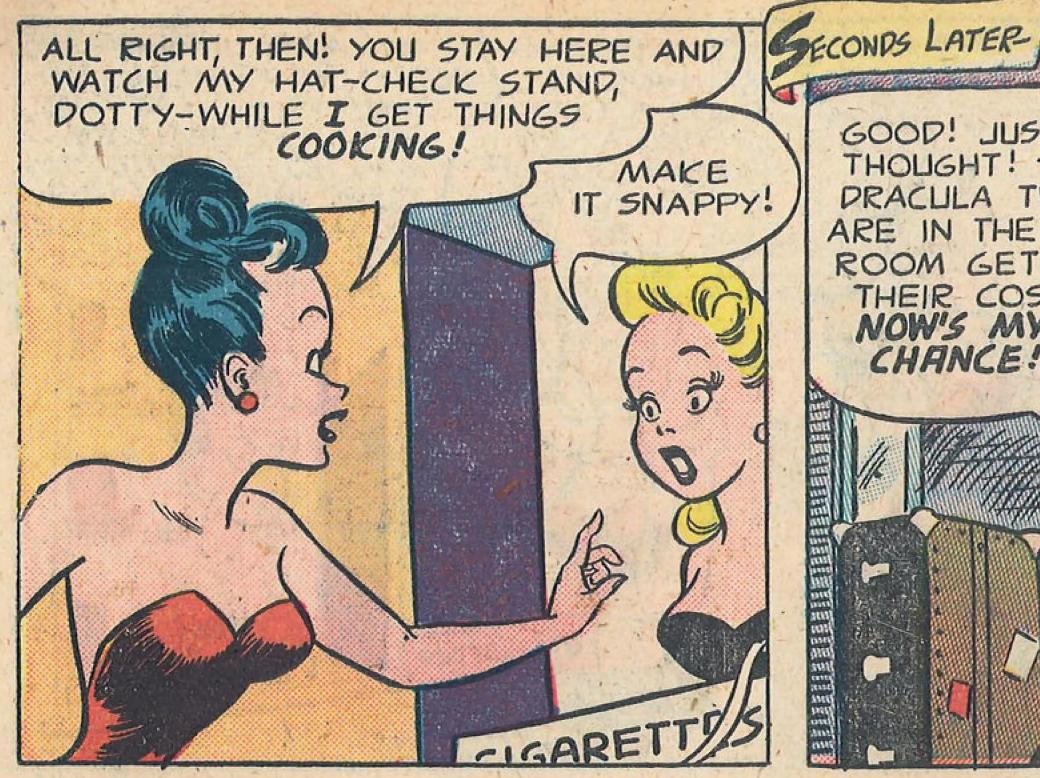


























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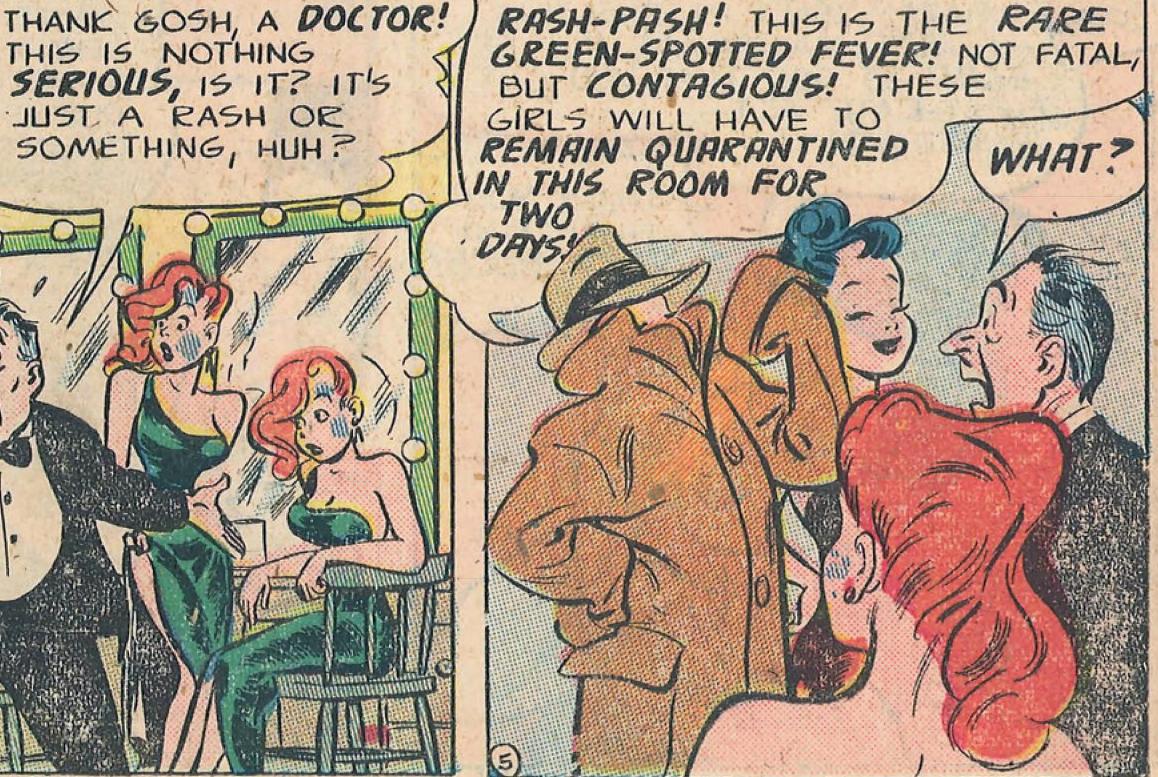
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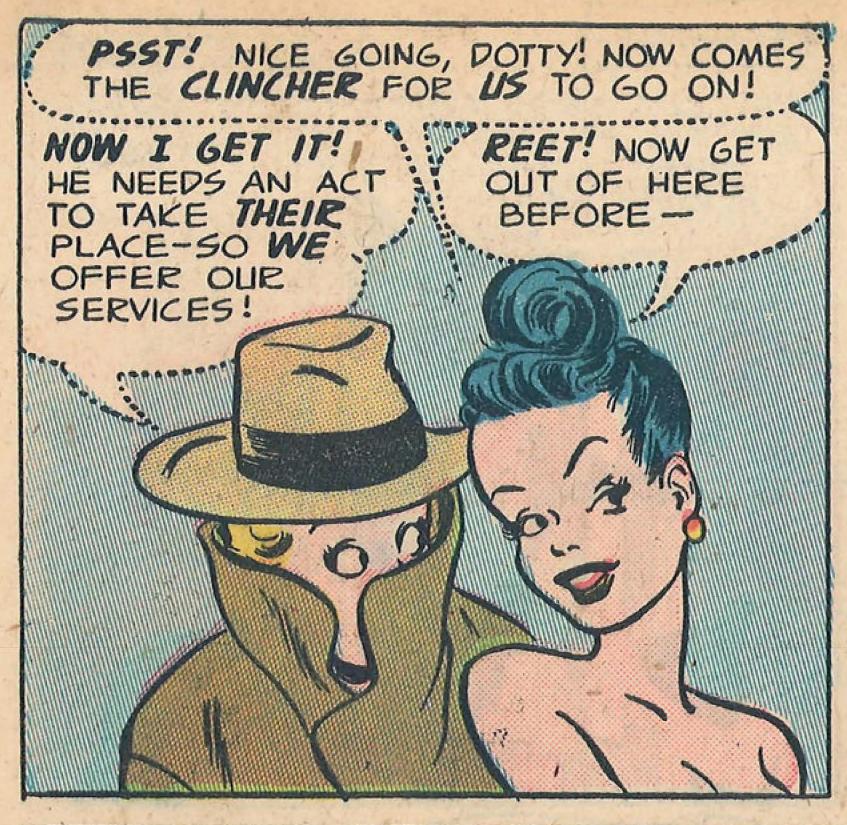
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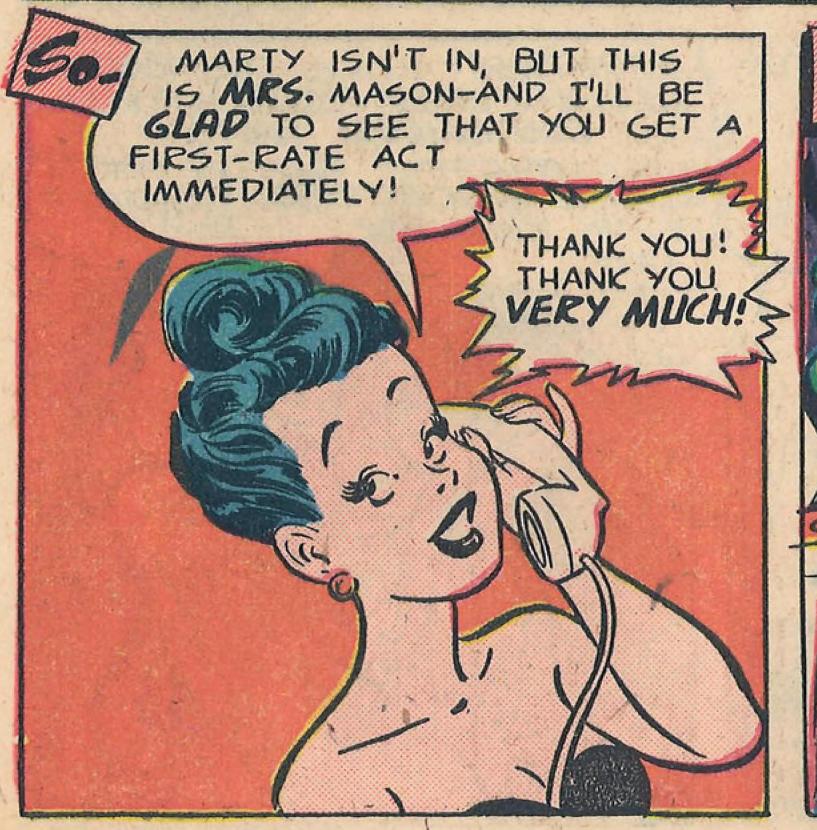
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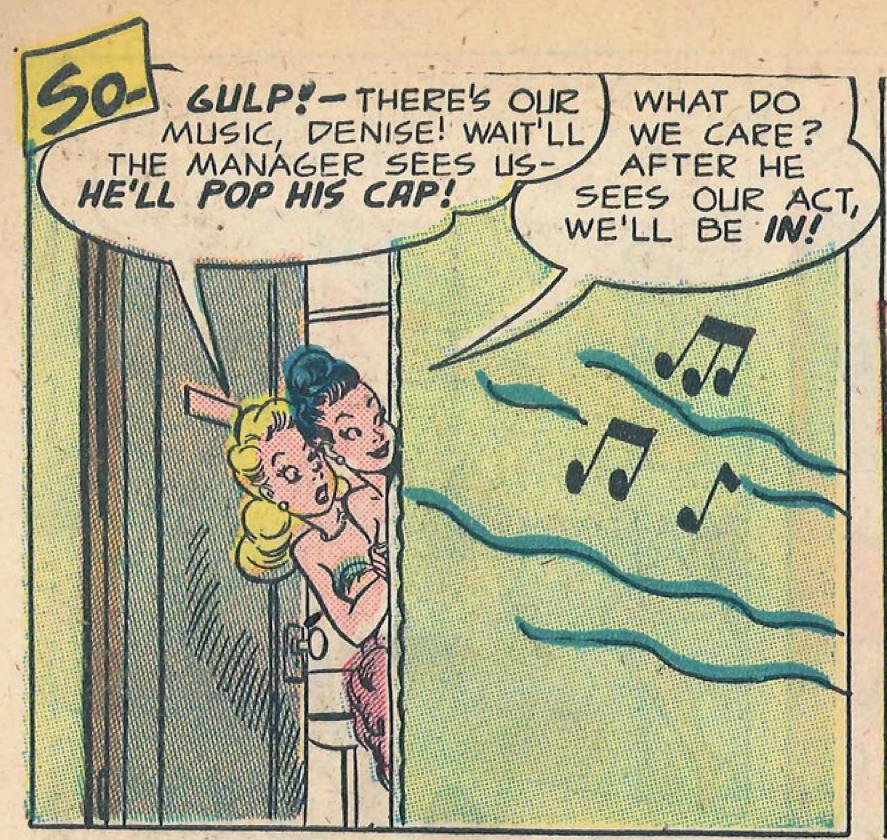




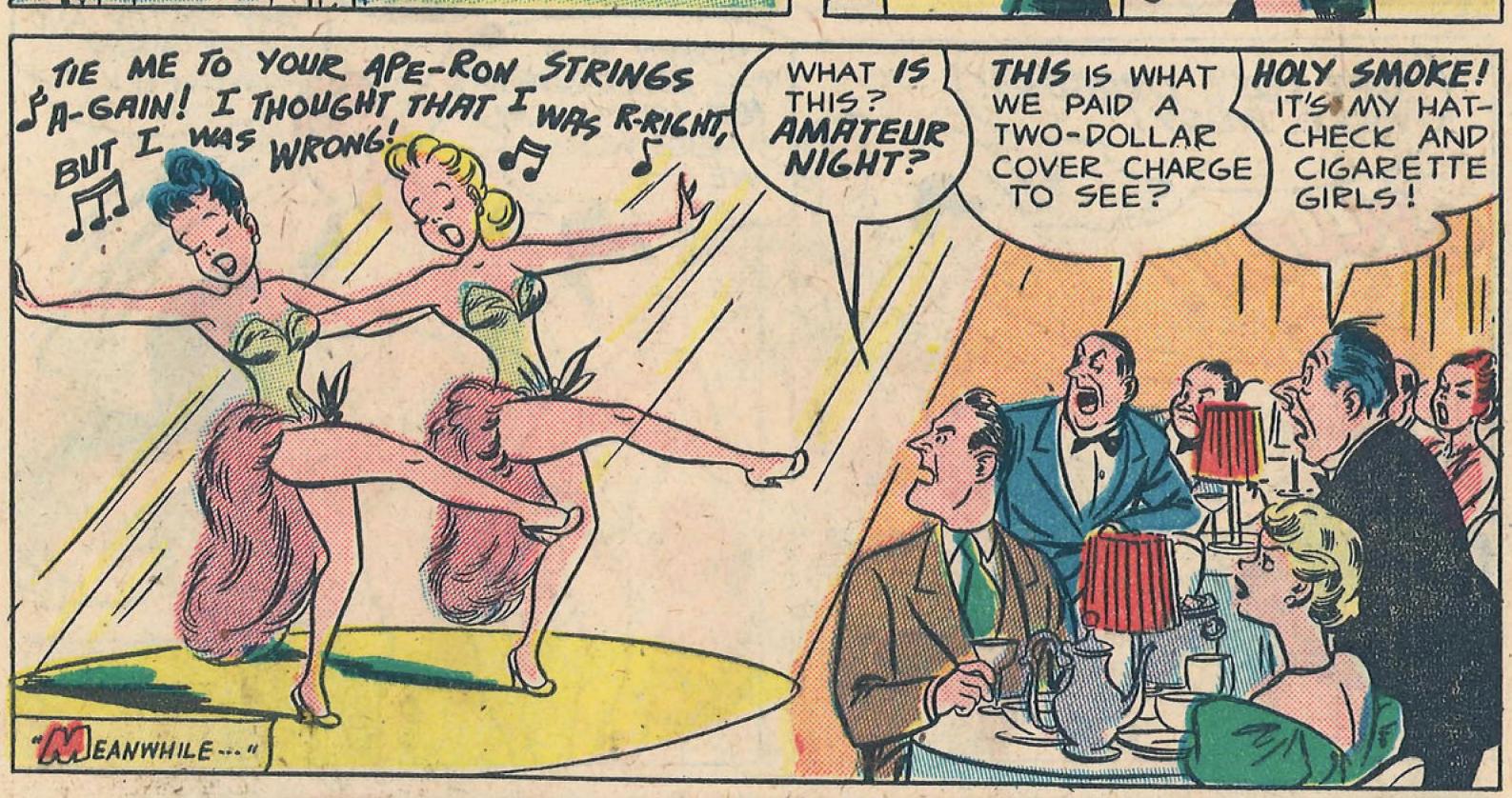






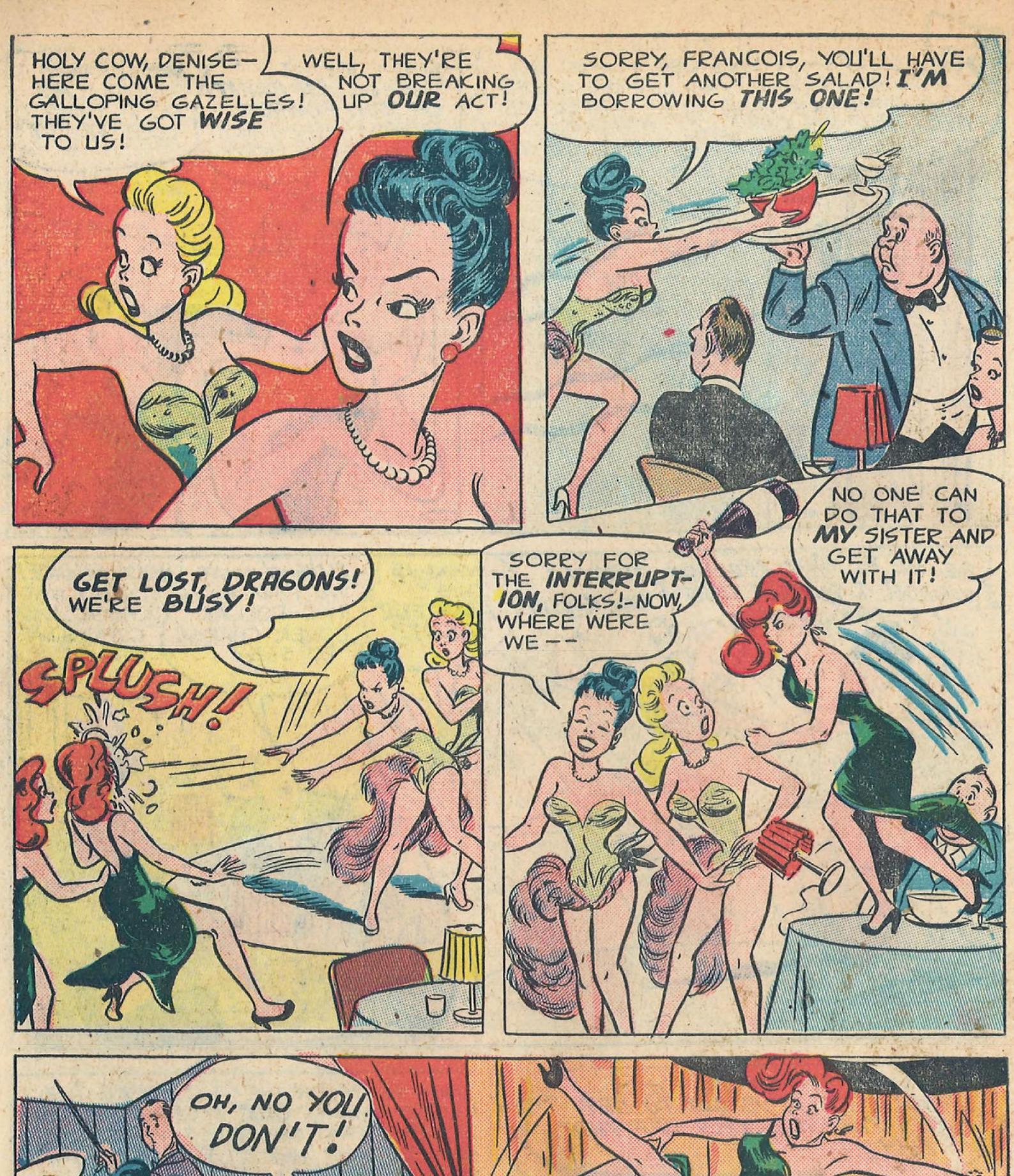


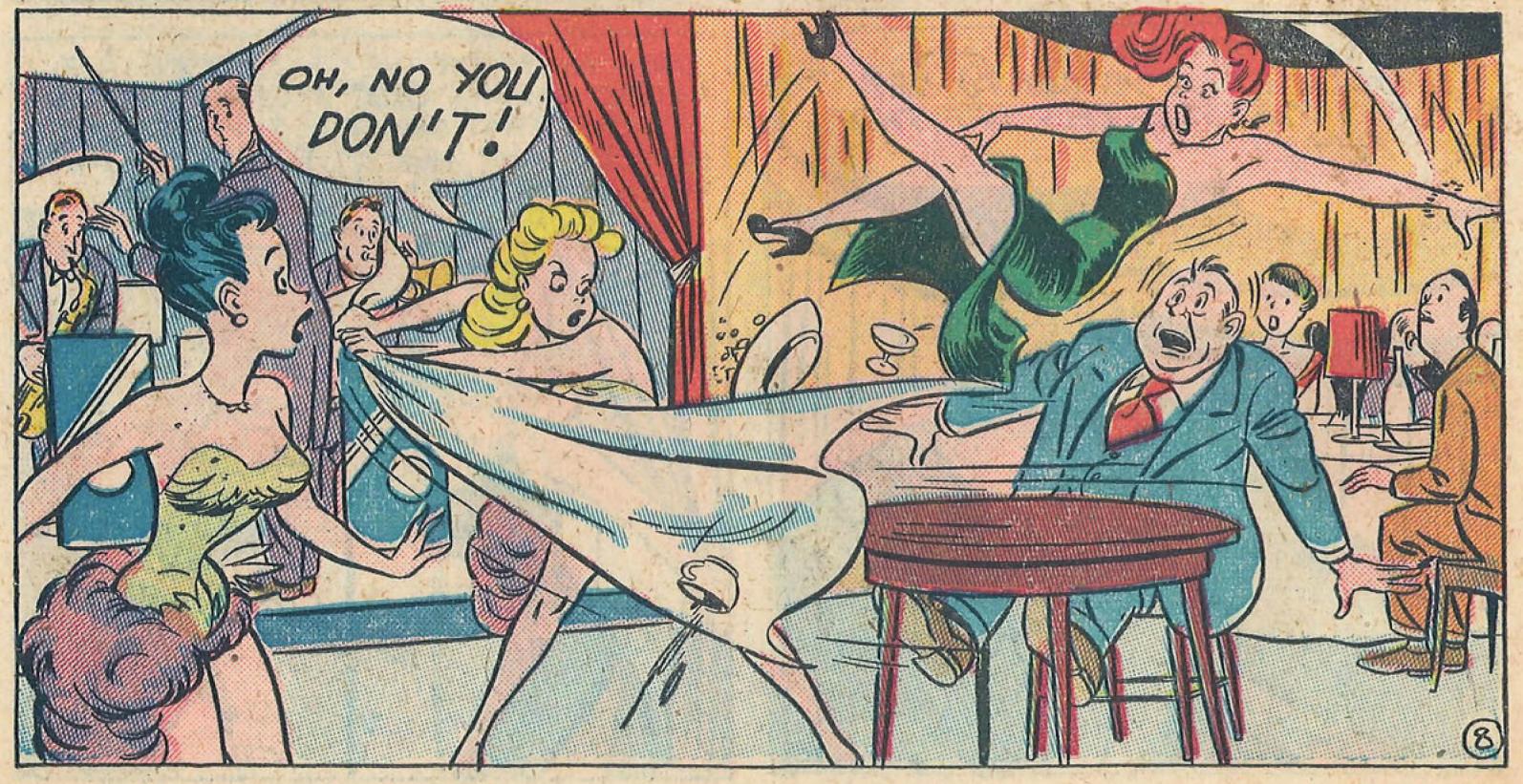








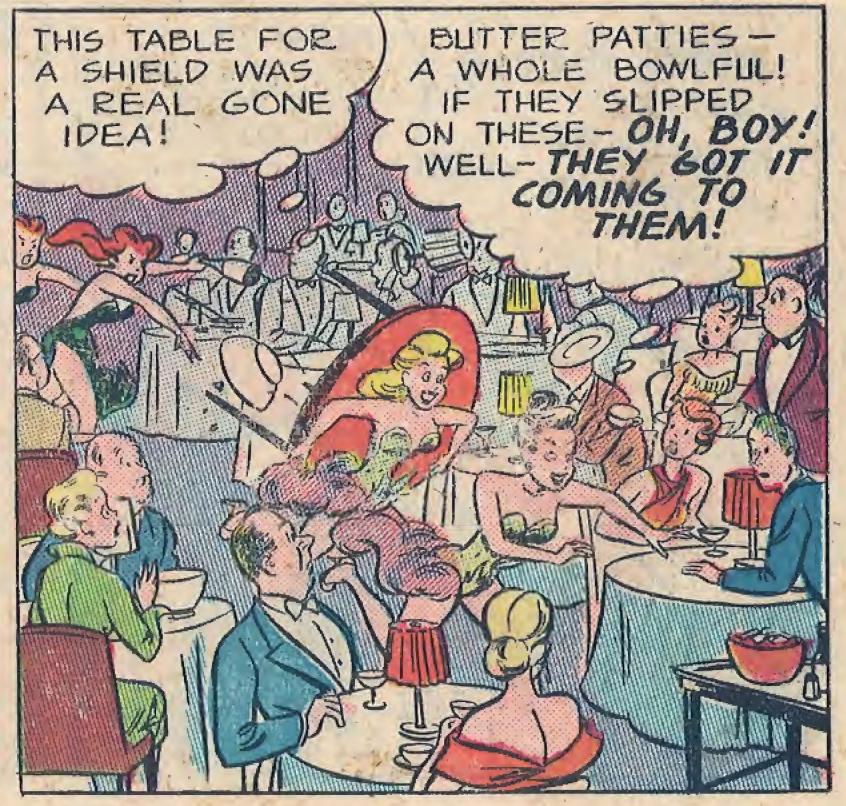




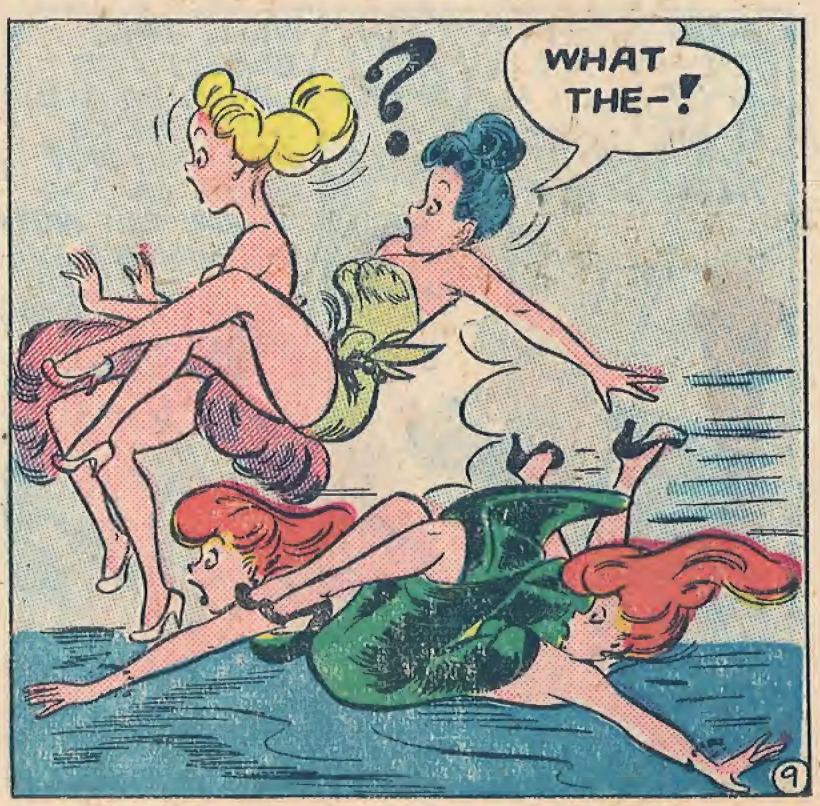


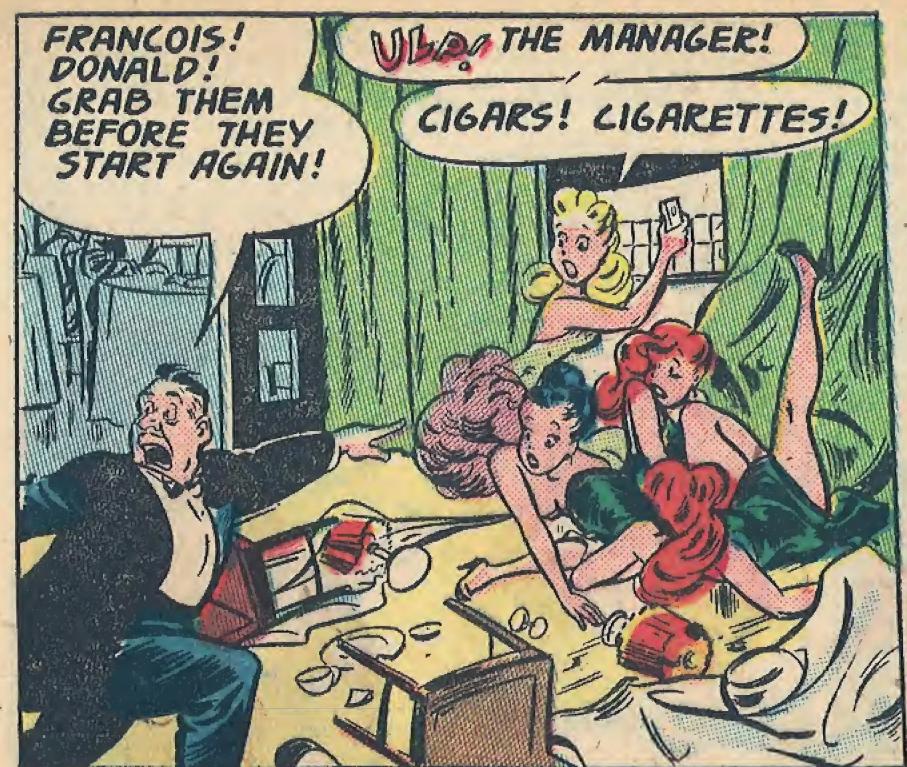




















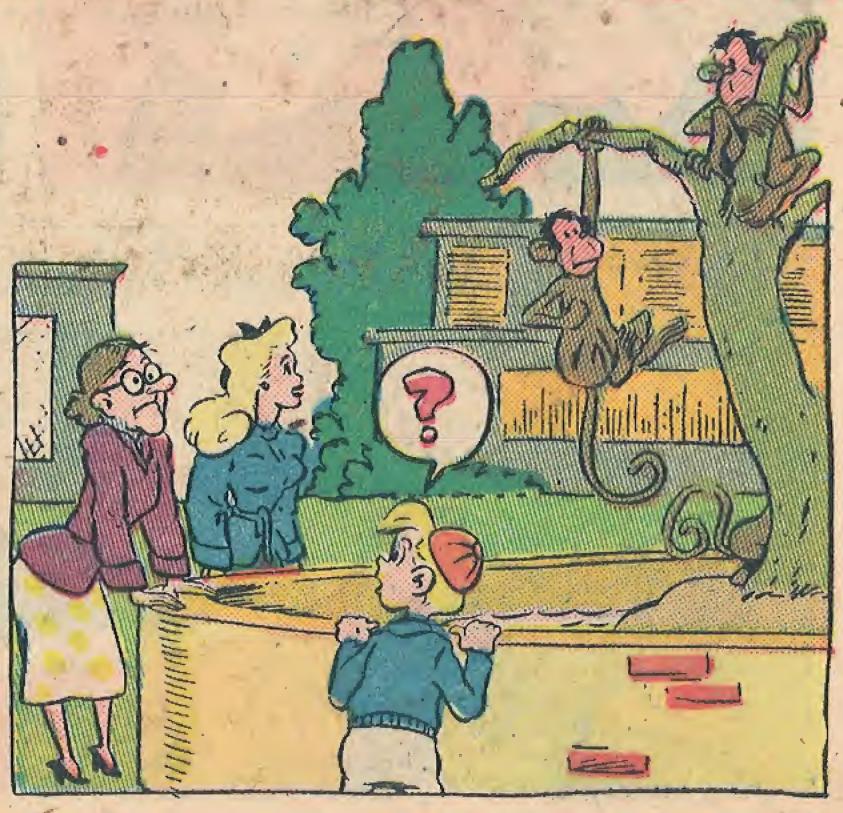




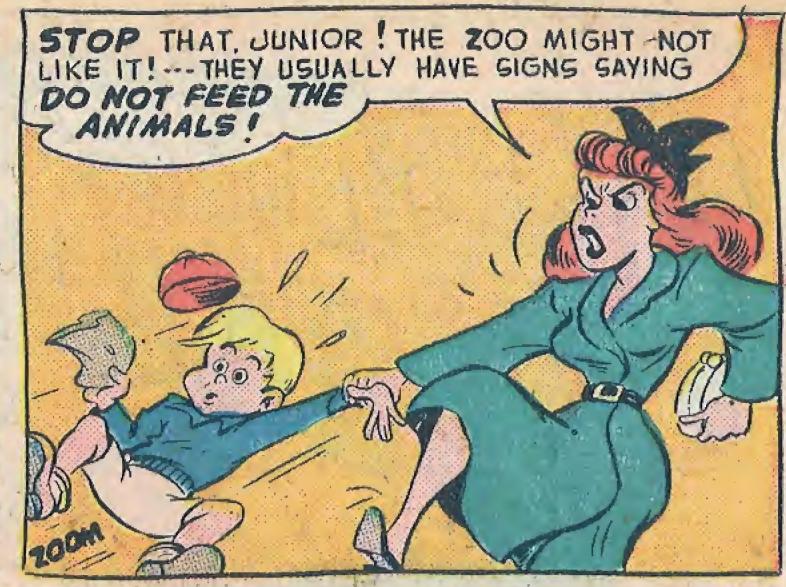








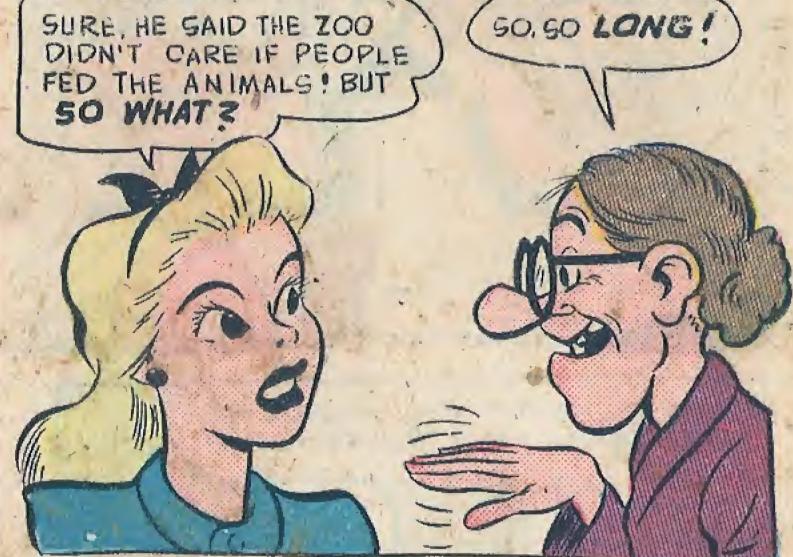


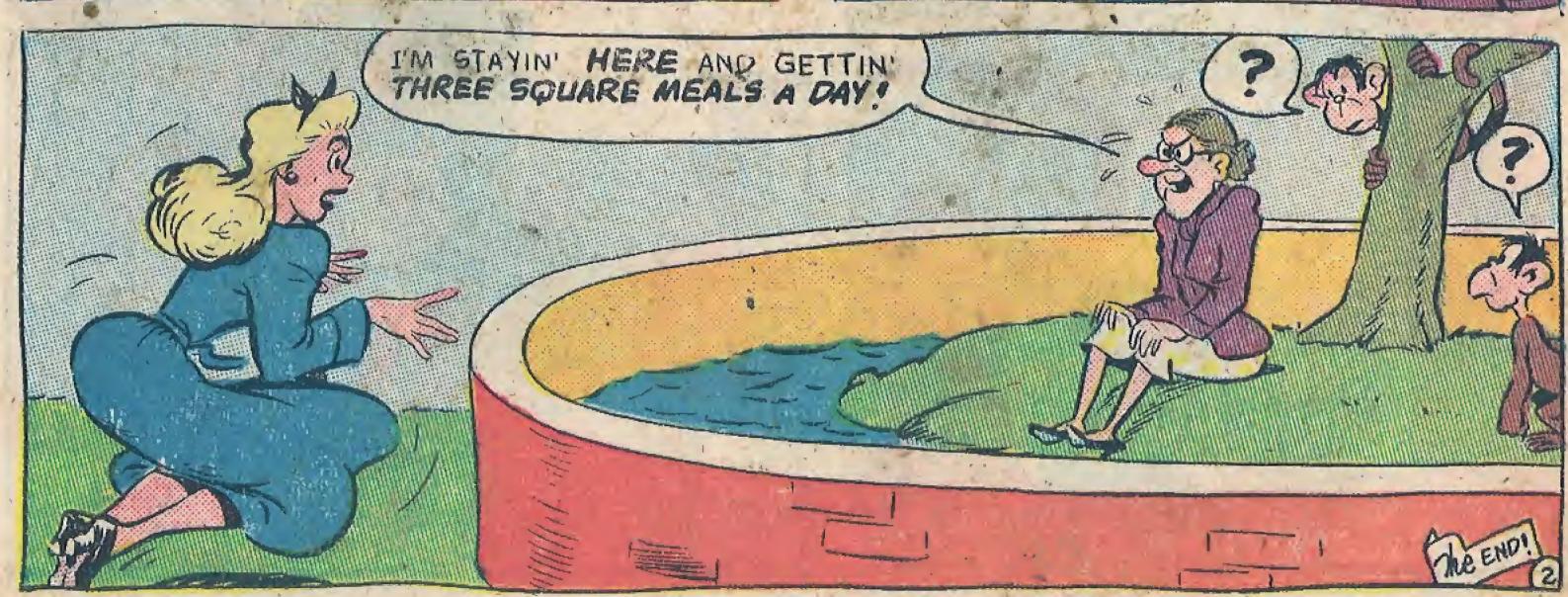


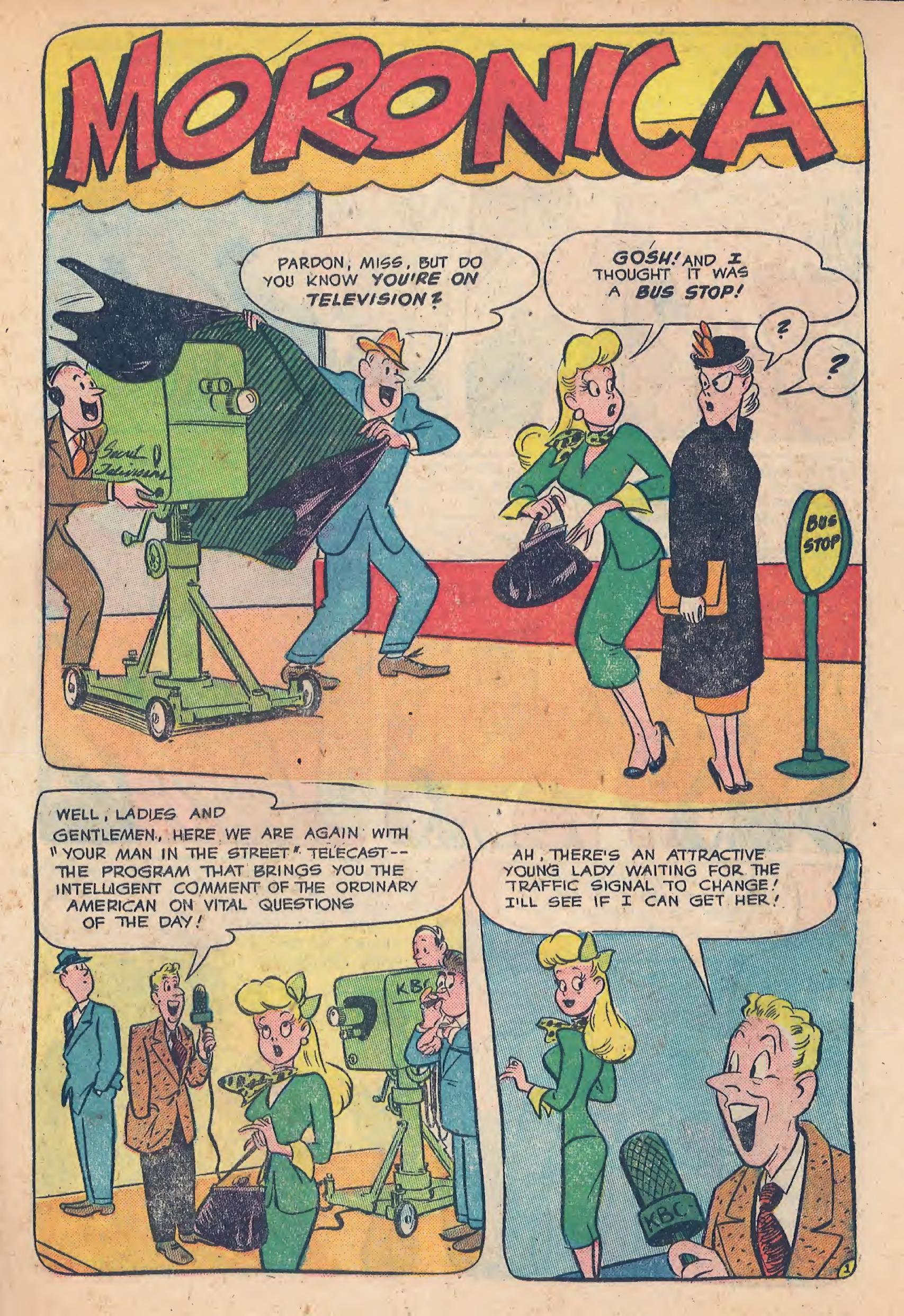


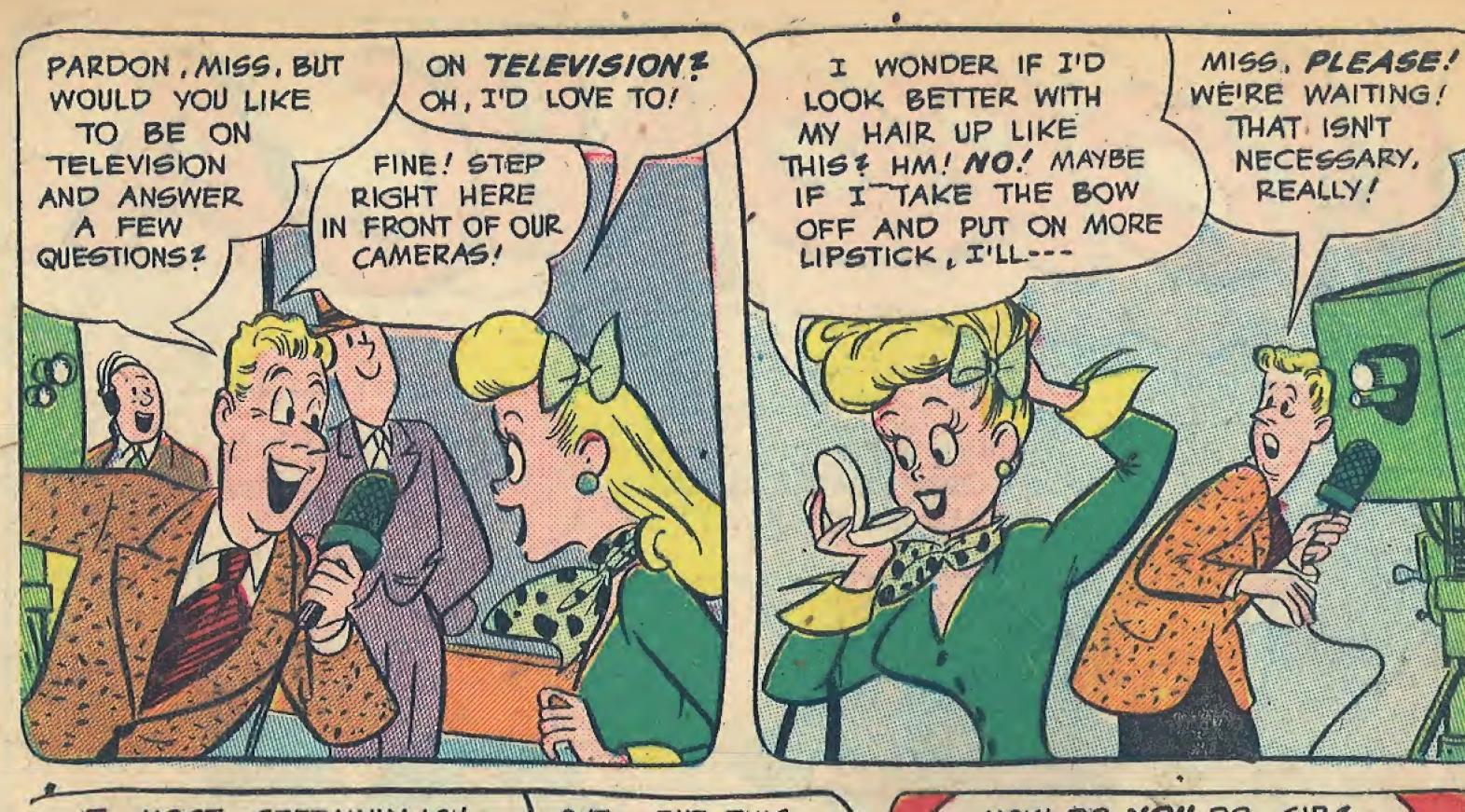


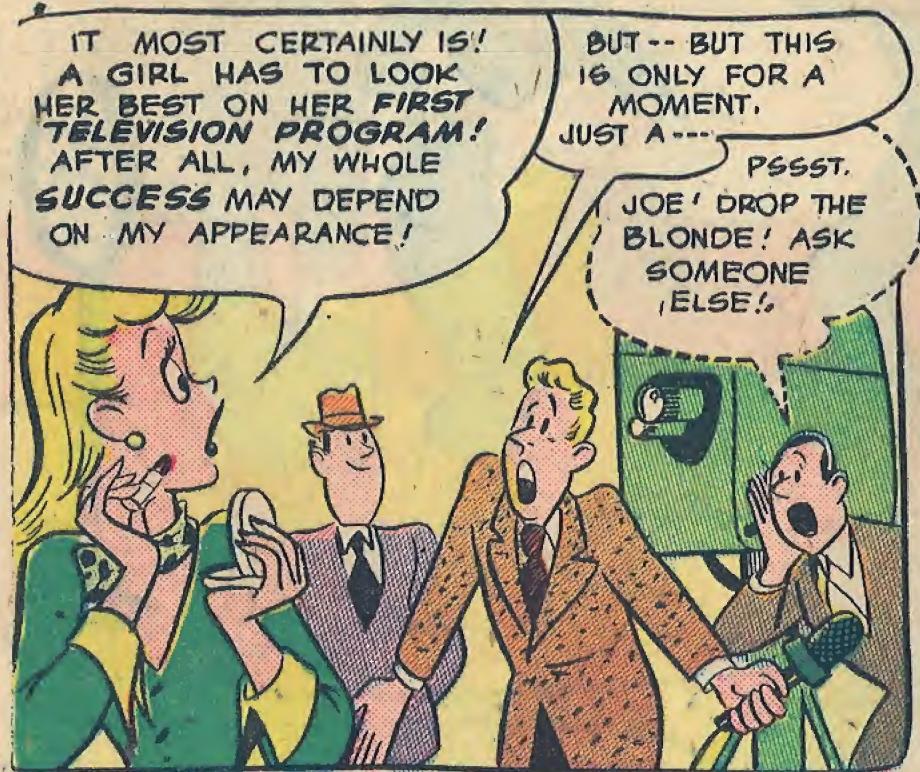








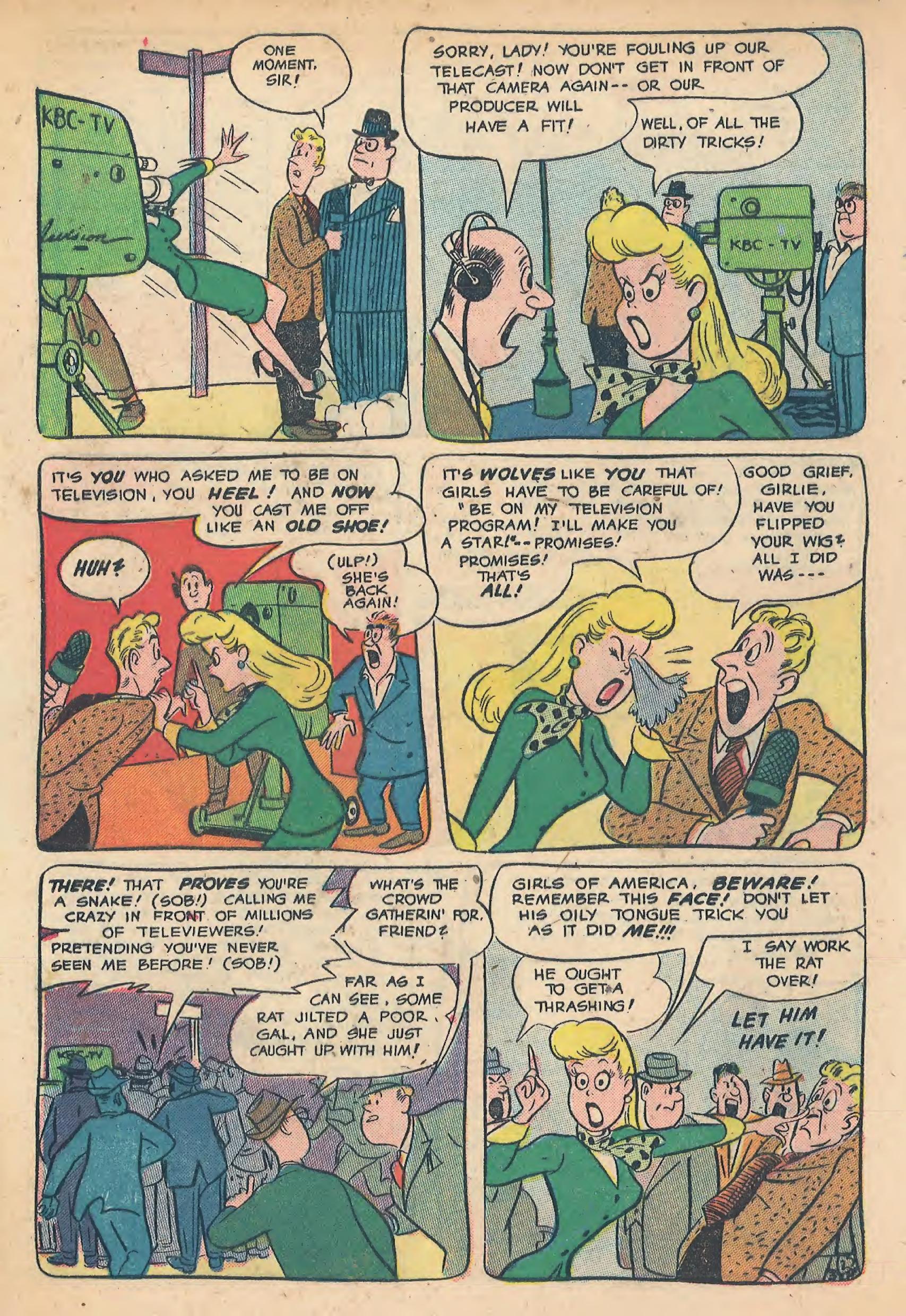




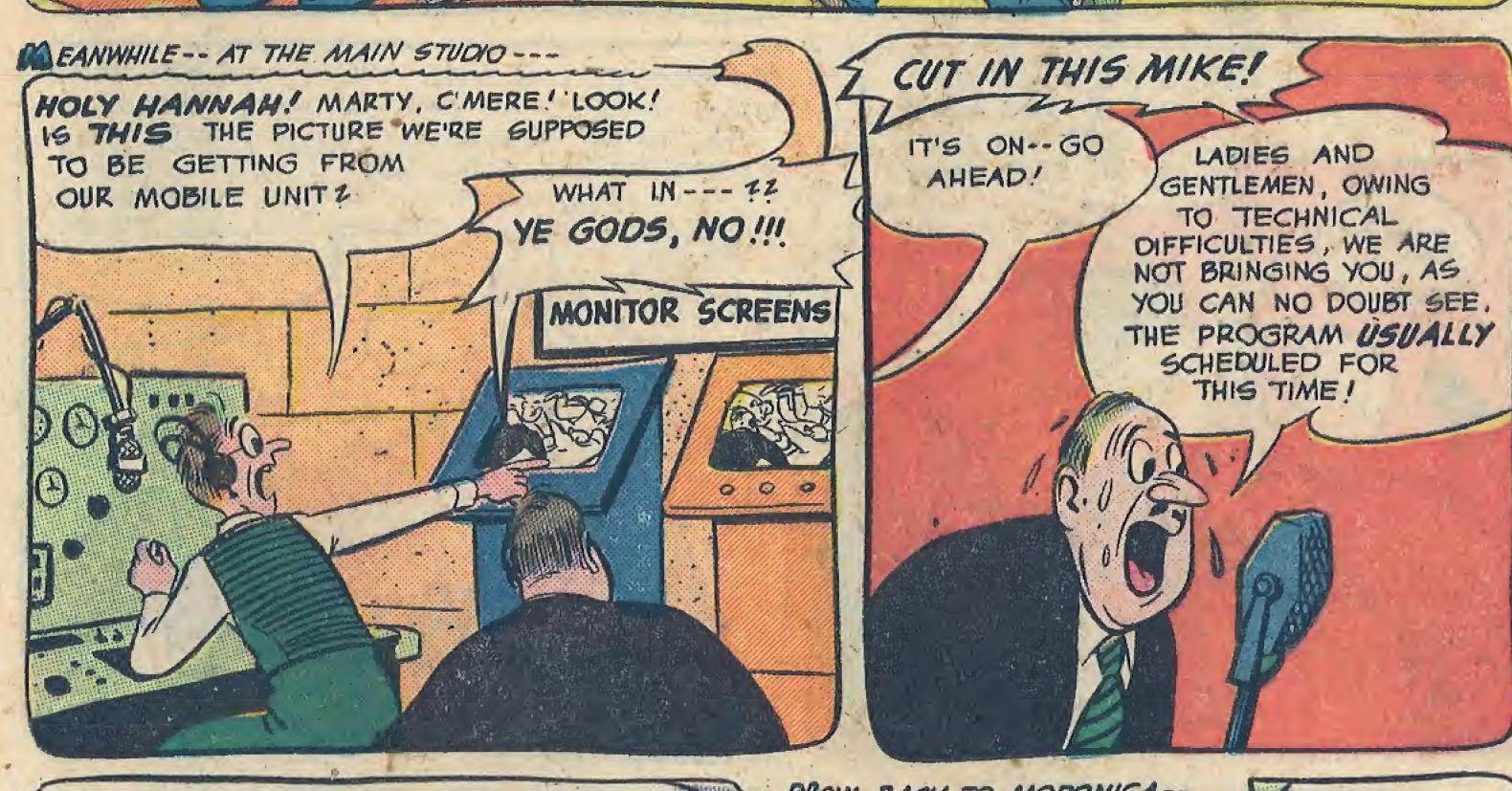




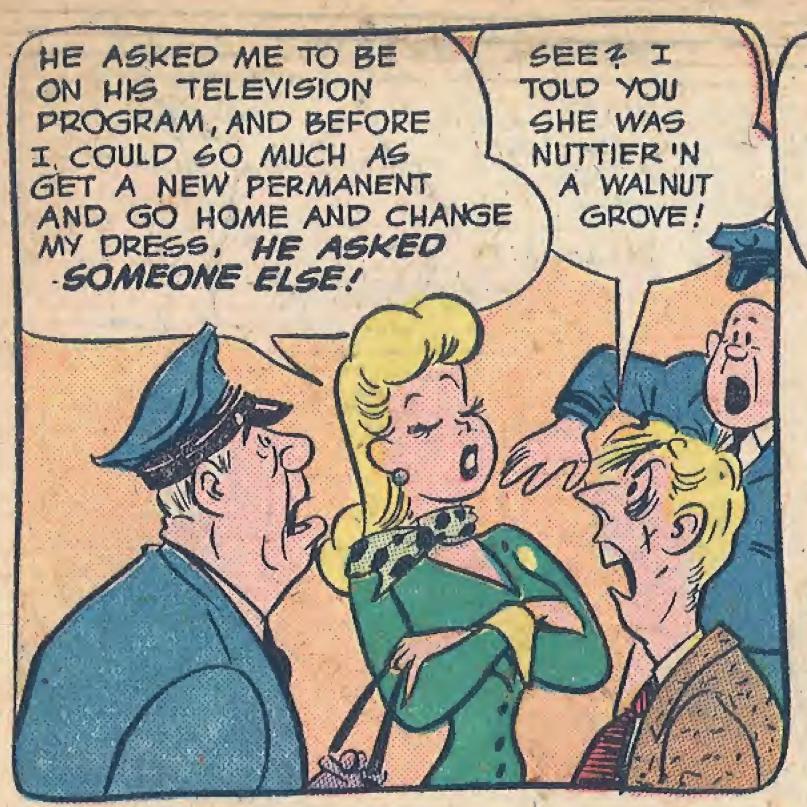






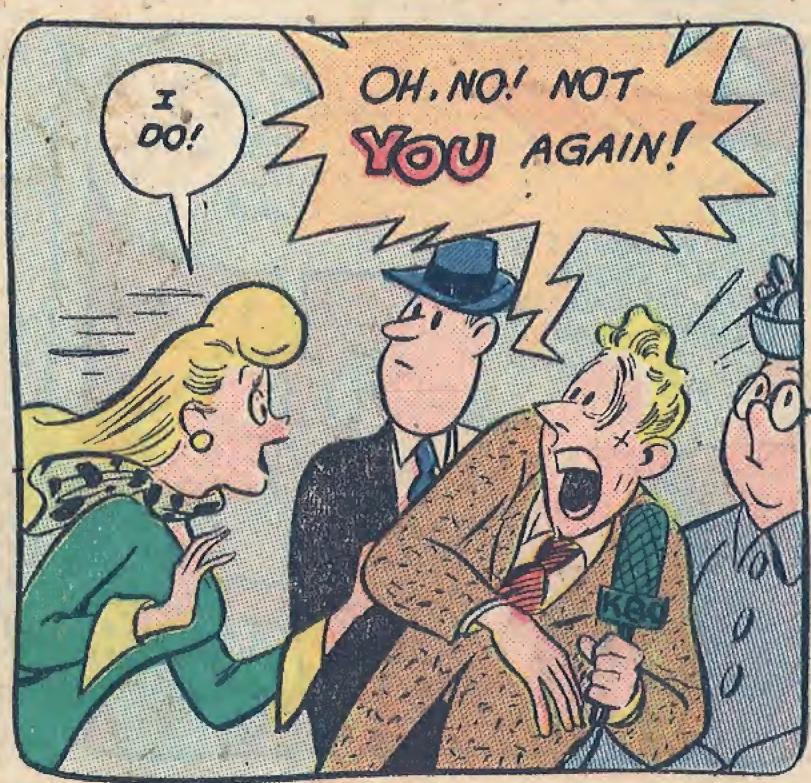


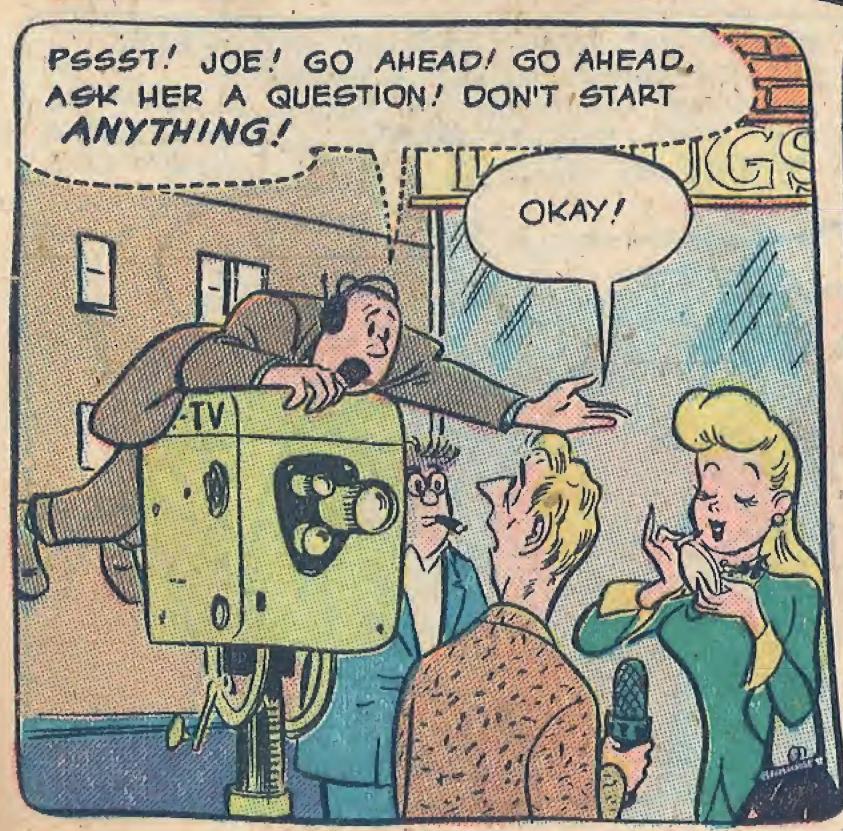




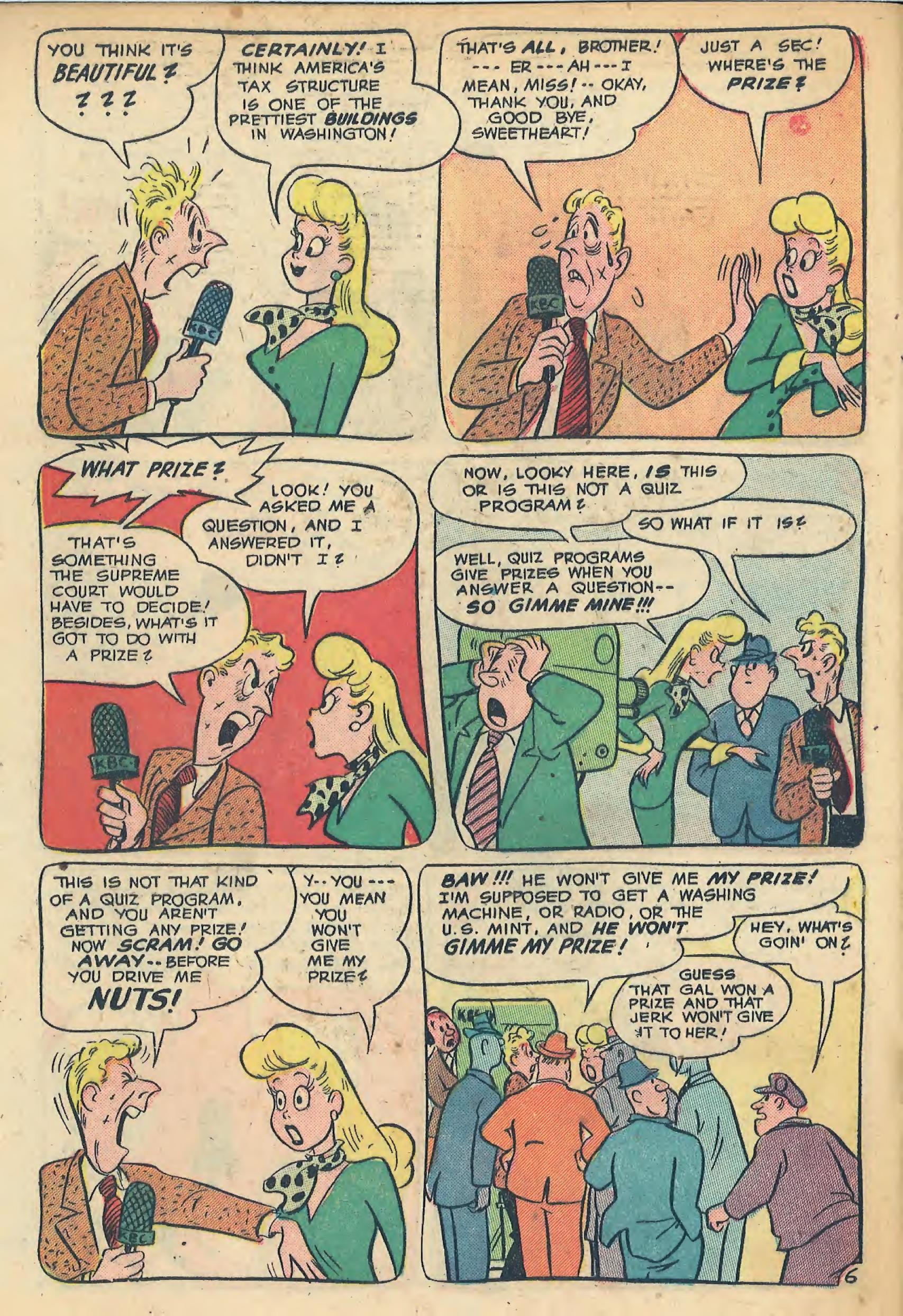


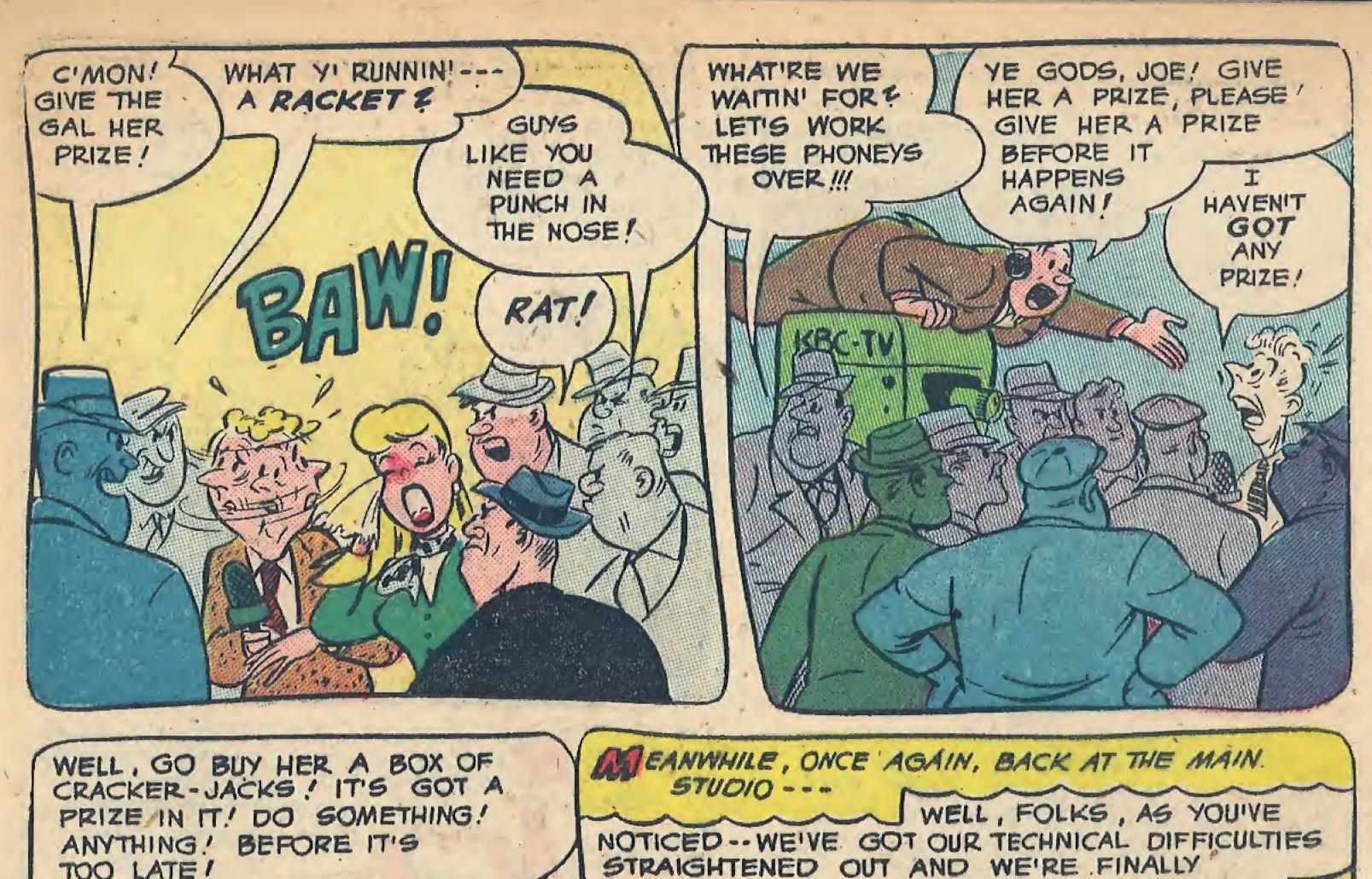




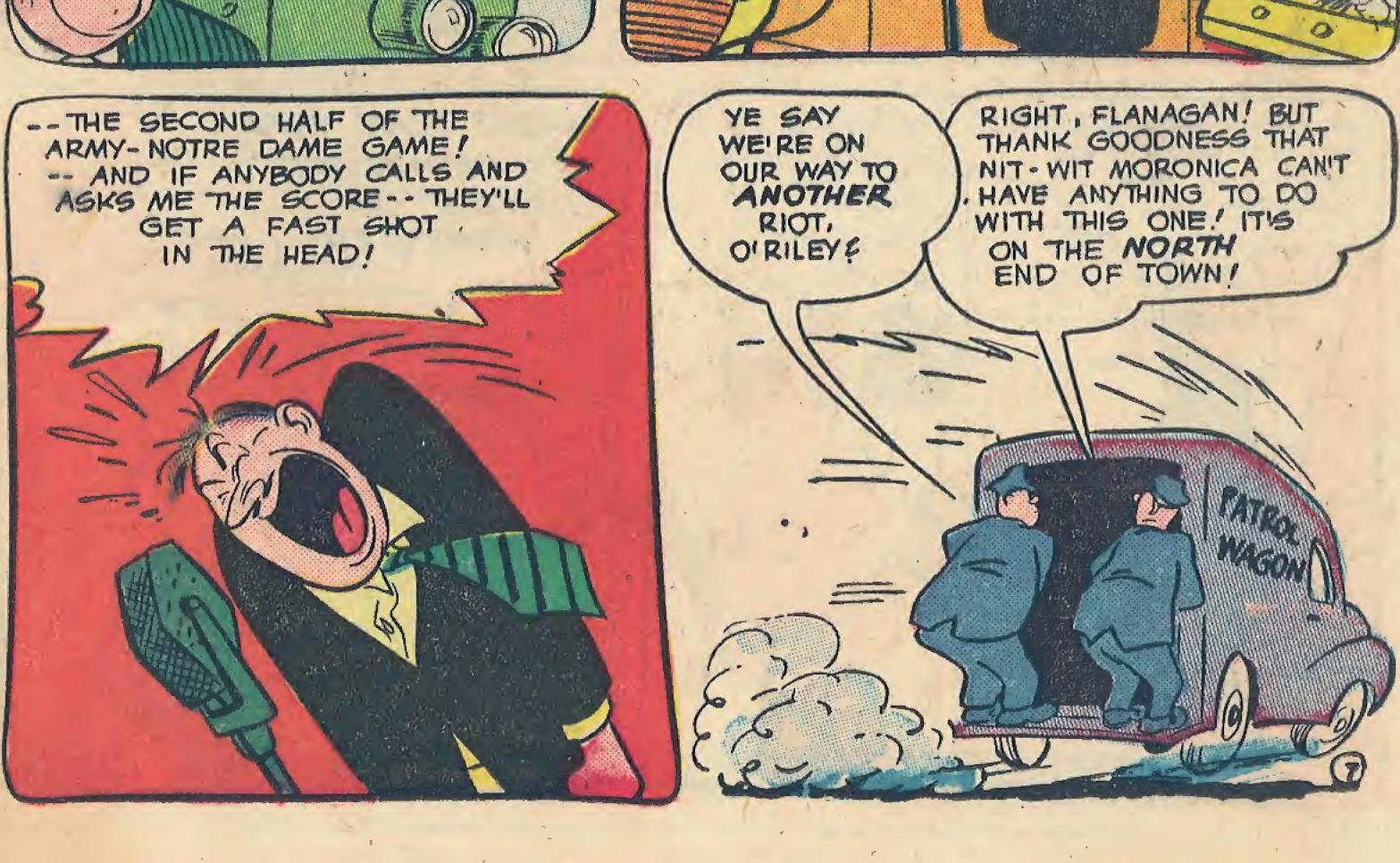


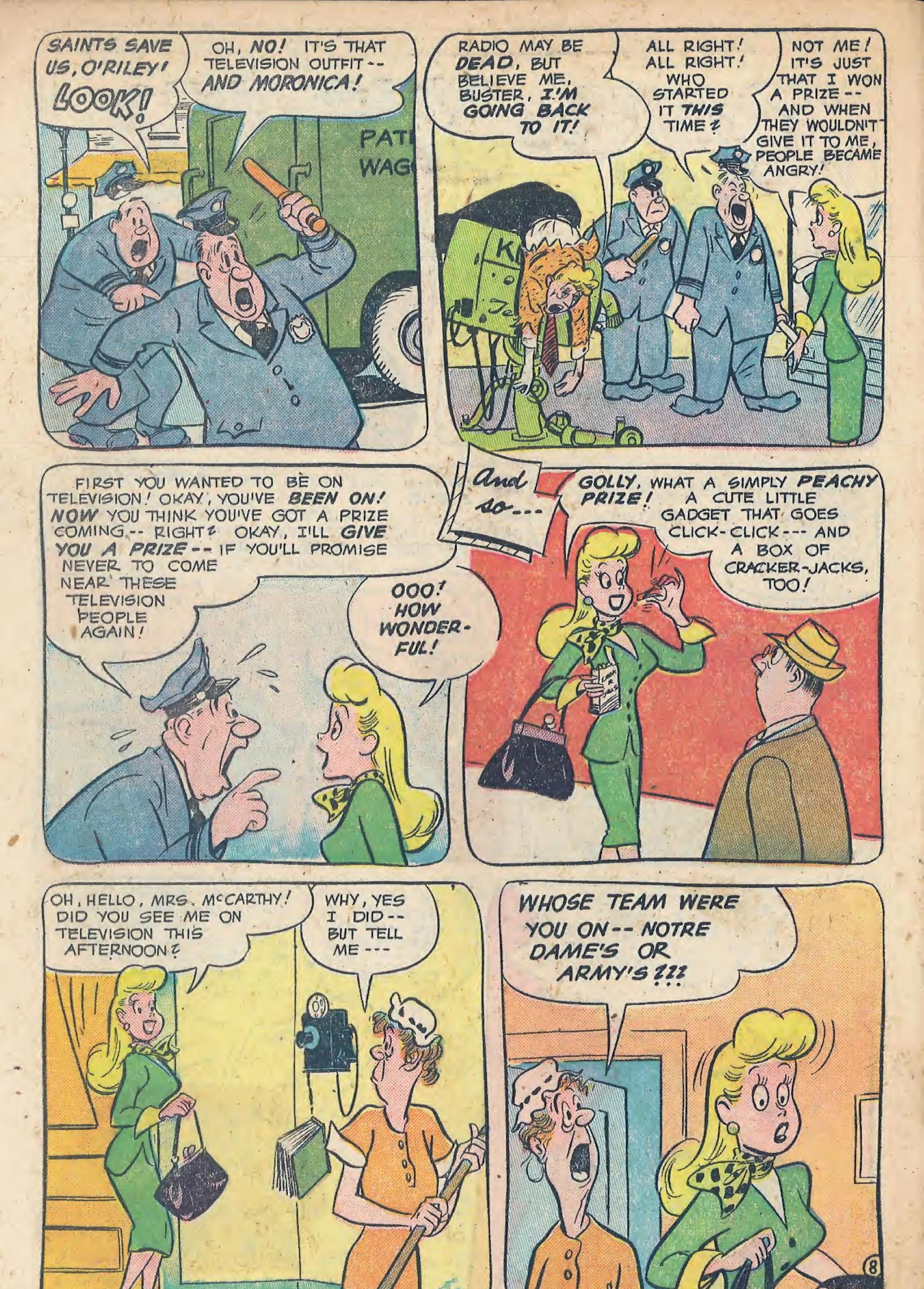












GOSH," SIGHED BILLIE, sinking into a chair and flipping her high-heeled pumps off into the air, "my feet are killing me! Standing on them all day at the store, the way I do..."

"What do you mean, the way you do?" Billie's roommate, Heather, eyed her questioningly. "You don't bave to stand, you know! You can sit down once in a while, can't you?"

"Sure, but who wants to?" Billie demanded, massaging her right foot. "If I sit down, I won't be able to see bim as often as I do! Gosh!" She sighed again, this time a sigh of pure bliss.

"See bim? Wbo?"

"Mr. Crane. The floor manager. Honestly, Heather, he's beautiful! So tall, so handsome, so handsome, so handsome, so

"You keep saying that. I get the idea!" Heather objected. "All right, so he's handsome!"

"You don't get the idea," Billie reproved her coldly. "Mr. Crane is not just plain handsome! He's so handsome! Heather, I have a confession to make. I am secretly in love with Mr. Crane!"

"That's no secret," Heather took the news calmly. "You've been screaming about him ever since you went to work at the department store!"

'It is a secret, because he doesn't know it...yet! Heather, that man never gives me a tumble! He doesn't know whether I'm in dry goods or hosiery! I'm just another employee to him!"

"Well, that's all you are, honey!"
Heather was a realistic type. "If you want this dream boy to notice you, you've got to do something worth noticing! You know, to attract his special attention!"

"Hmmm, I think I know what you mean, Heather!" Billie was thoughtful.

She was thoughtful all that evening and went to bed still thinking. Which was quite a strain on Billie! But when she awoke in the morning, she was her old self again. Not a single thought to worry her!

"Heather, I've got it all figured out.
Today Mr. Crane is going to notice me!"

"Oh-oh!" Heather looked worried.
"Don't do anything rash or hasty,
Billie! Look before you leap, think
twice and then don't do it!"

Billie simply smiled, downed a hearty breakfast and went blithely off to work, feeling that this was her day for romance. All morning, she kept a lookout for Mr. Crane. To her irritation, he seemed to have a good deal to do in the millinery department at the other end of the floor.

But finally, Billie saw the tall, familiar figure in the dark blue suit approaching. "Here I go!" she said. Zip! Off came her skirt and blouse and there stood Billie, revealed in the cutest little sport shorts and halter top, all in shocking pink!

"Billie, you can !!" gasped Miss Daly. "Quick, put your skirt and blouse on before he sees you!"

"If I do, he won't see me! That's the trouble!" Billie explained kindly. Then, lifting her voice, she called, "Mr. Crane! Could you step over here for a minute! There's been a mistake on a delivery and..."

Mr. Crane stood glued to the floor, his eyes fixed on Billie's pink shorts and halter.

"Young lady, what's your name?" he asked.

"Billie. Billie Marshall." She was pleased that at last he'd gotten around to asking her name!

"Miss Marshall," said Mr. Crane firmly, "you will kindly put on some-

thing more...er...suitable! I'll be back in a few moments and we can discuss... whatever it is you wanted to discuss!"

Billie was radiant as she hastened into her skirt and blouse. He not only knew her name, but he was actually coming back to talk to her! Of course, she'd just made that up, that business about the error, but what difference would that make to a couple in love?

Mr. Crane, who had disappeared in the direction of the millinery department, came back in a half-hour. 'Miss Marshall?' he asked, not certain that this was the girl in the shocking pink outfit.

"Why don't you call me Billie?" she asked.

"Why don't we discuss that error?"
Mr. Crane countered.

"Because...because...there's something more important!" Billie said, blushing.

"What are you talking about?" Mr. Crane stared at her as though he could believe neither his eyes nor his ears.

"I'm talking about us!" Billie said reproachfully. "Now that you've asked me my name, I know you're interested in me! And I've been interested in you for ever so long! So why are we wasting time?"

Here, Billie threw herself into Mr. Crane's unwilling arms, twining her own arms about his neck and looking up at him meltingly. "We'll be so happy you and I," she said, recalling a tender line from a movie she'd seen recently.

"Go...go away!" Mr. Crane was quite red in the face as he tried to unwind Billie's arms from about his neck.

"Darling, you don't have to pretend ...not with me!" Another line from a movie Billie had seen.

"See here, young lady, I am not pre-

tending. I happen to be engaged to be married, very happily engaged. You may know my fiancee...Miss Roberts, in the millinery department! And furthermore, allow me to say that your conduct is most unbecoming and unwarranted in a place of business. In fact, Miss Marshall...you are fired!"

Later that evening, Billie told the entire story to Heather, who listened in open-mouthed horror of her roommate's behaviour. 'You mean you actually wore shorts and a halter...the pink ones?" she asked. 'And you threw yourself into his arms?" Heather was plainly shocked. 'No wonder you were fired! Honestly, Billie, sometimes I wonder whether you're...all there!"

"You ought to be ashamed of yourself, Heather. After all, it was you who
toldme to make him notice me! But don't
worry, I forgive you. I'm not mad, because I've got another job already. In a
great big office! And the salary's better
than it was in the store!"

"Oh," Heather was relieved. "That's fine. When do you start?"

"Tomorrow morning. That reminds me, I've got to go out and see if I can find another shorts-and-halter set...in electric blue maybe...or bright red... something startling..."

"Why?" Heather almost screamed. "Why do you need anything like that?"

"Didn't I tell you?" Billie smiled rapturously. "The office manager in the place where I'm going to work...!he's very handsome...very handsome..."

Heather groaned. 'Oh, Billie, not

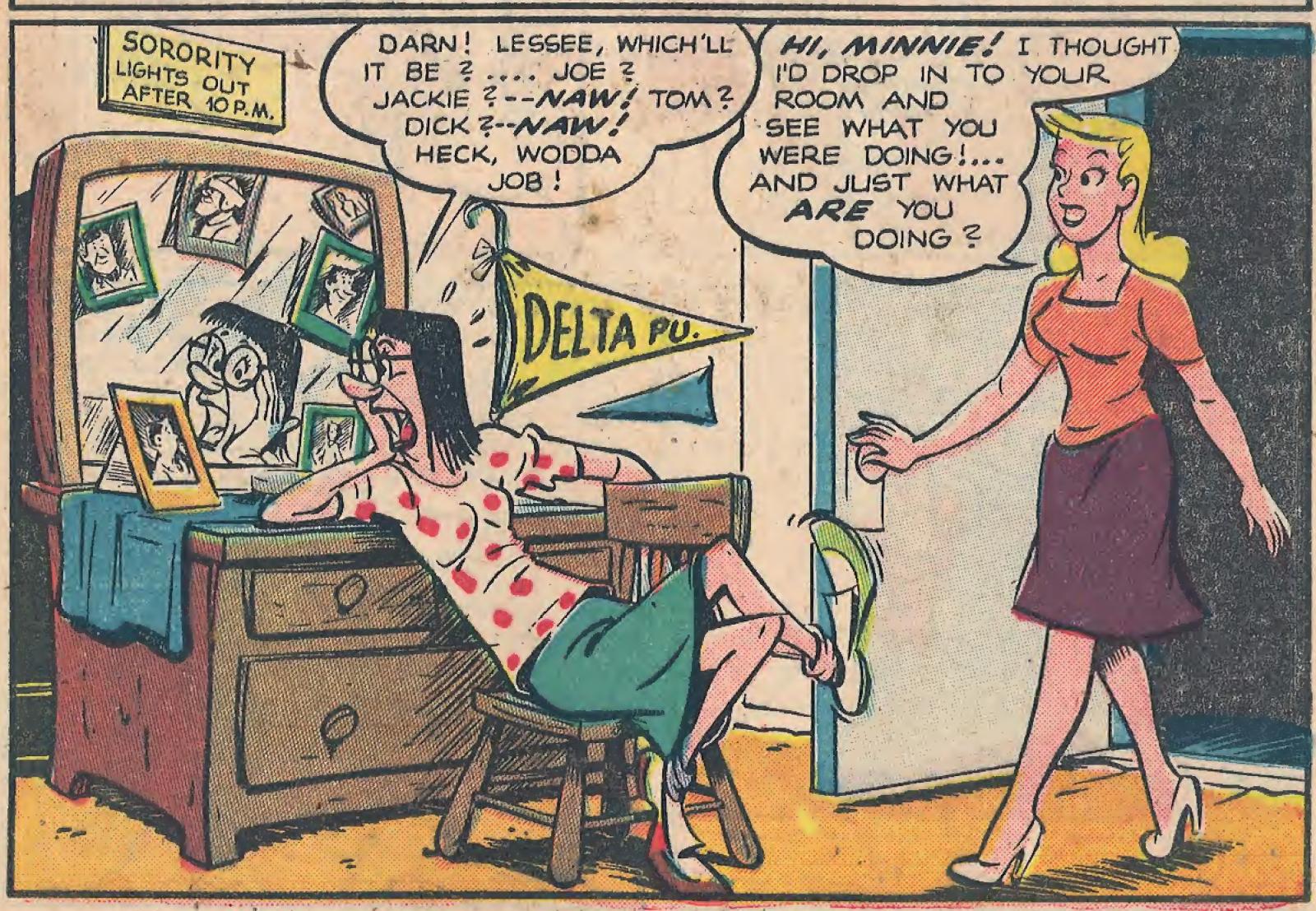
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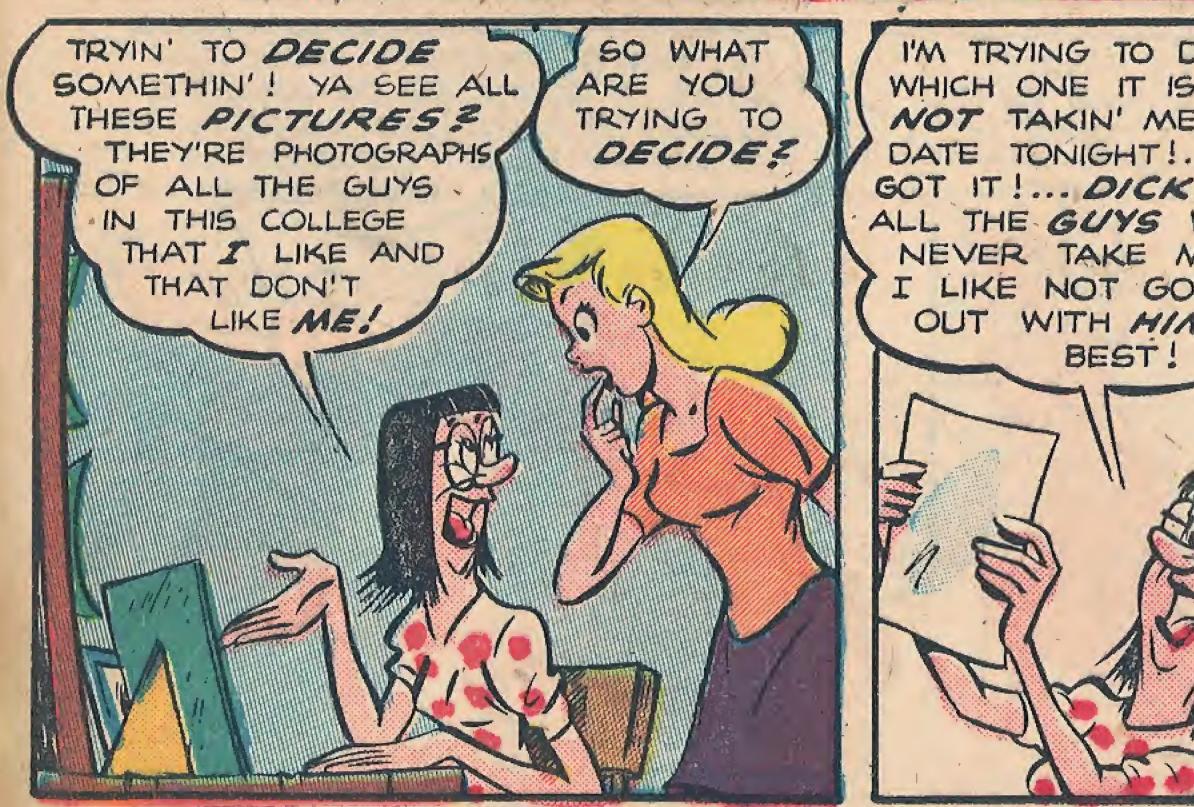
"Of course not!" Billie answered haughtily. "It so happens that be's already asked me for a date! We're going to the beach this Sunday! Did you really think I'd be such a dope?"

Heather answered...but not aloud.

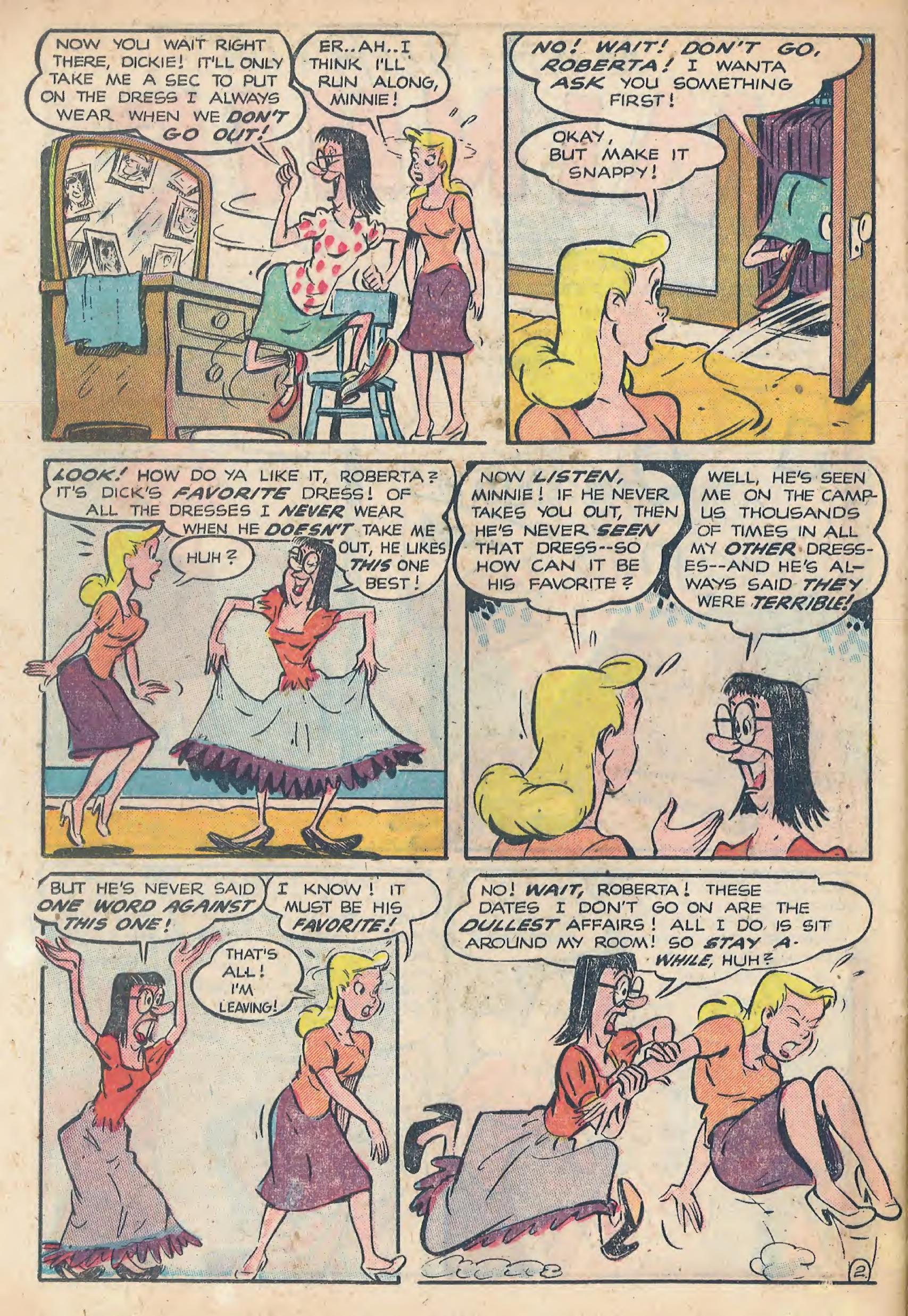
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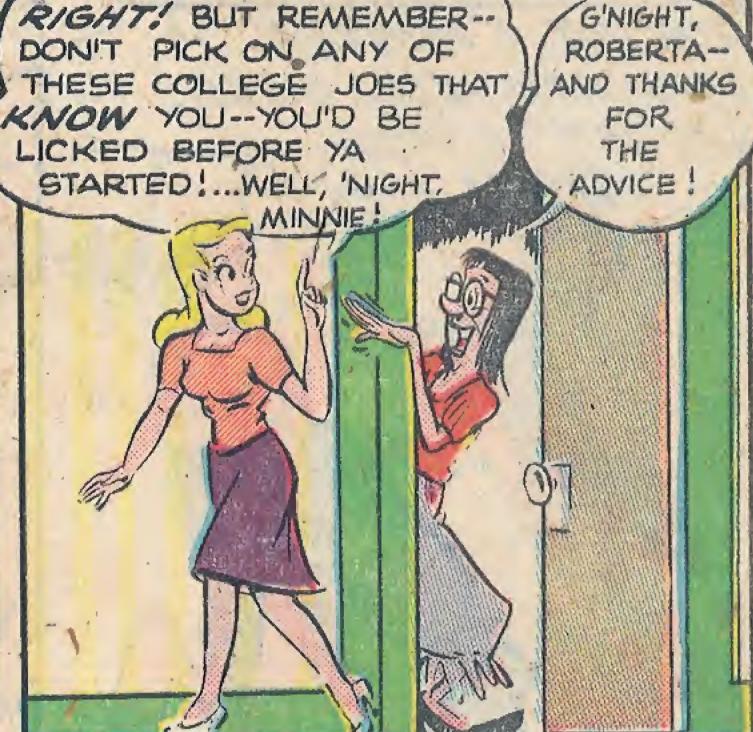


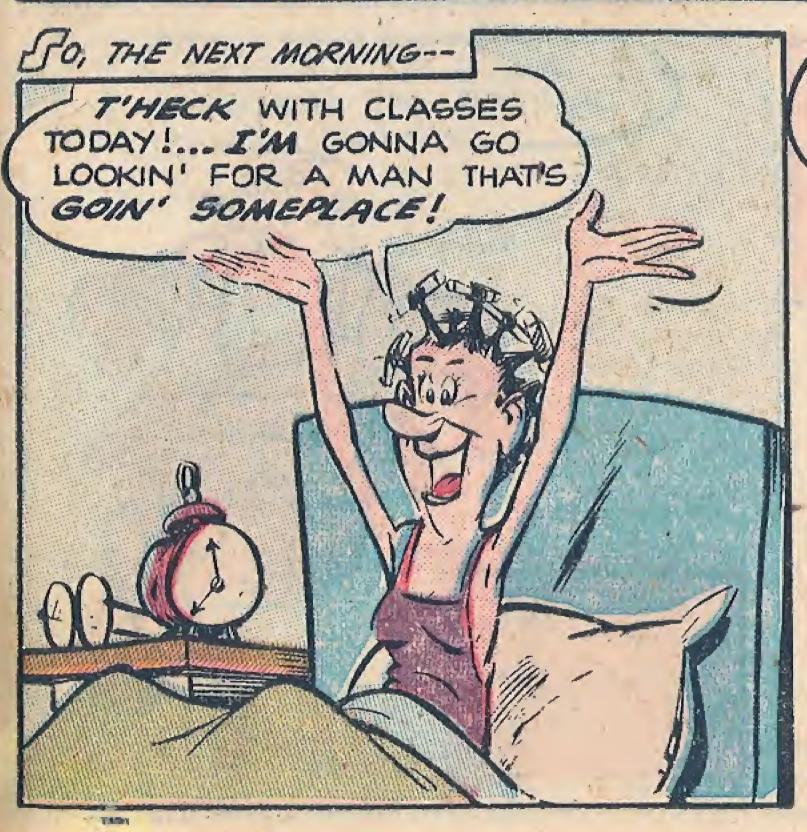


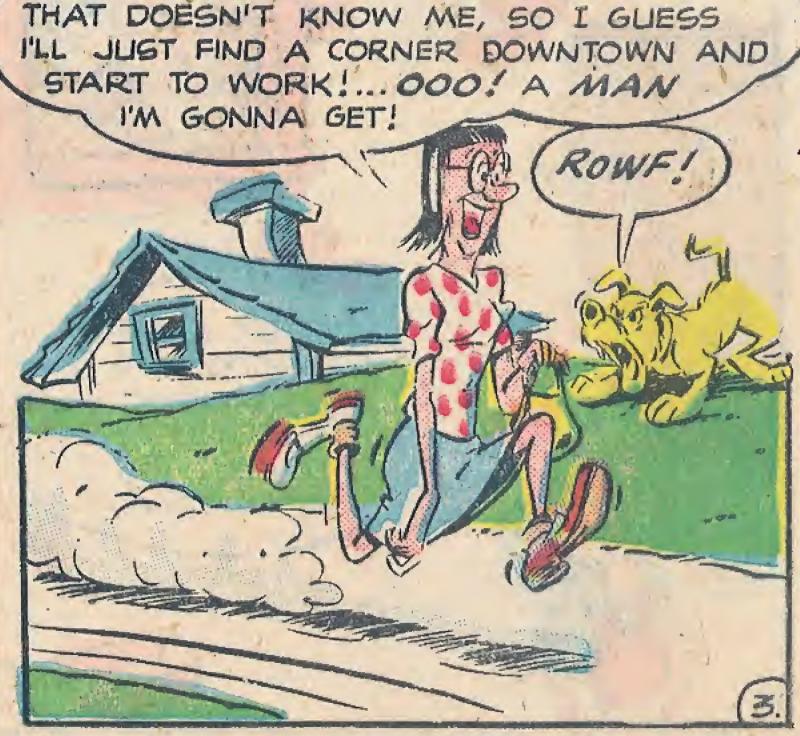










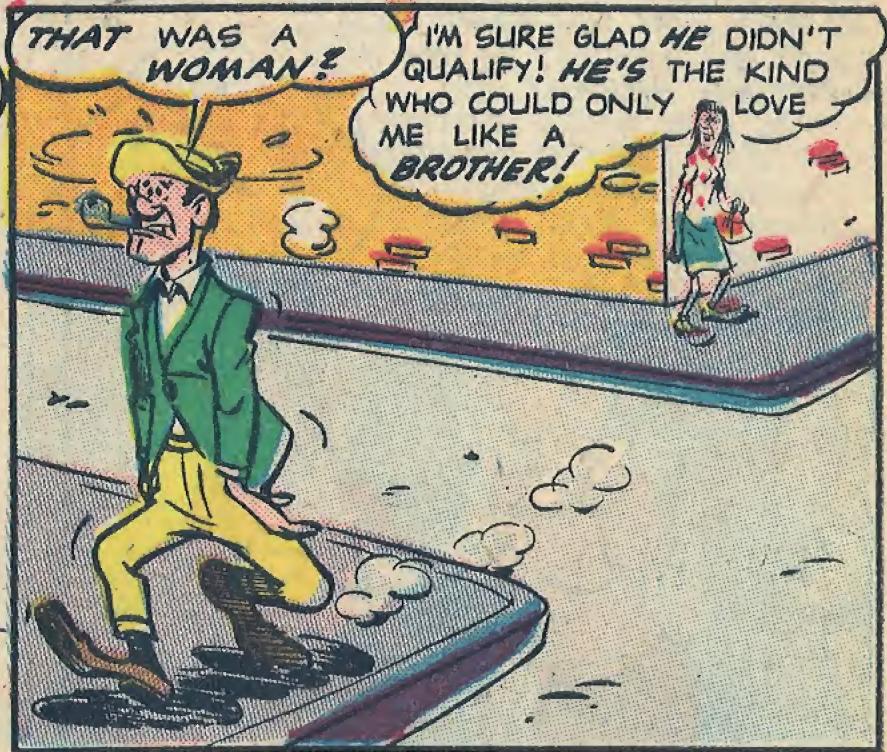


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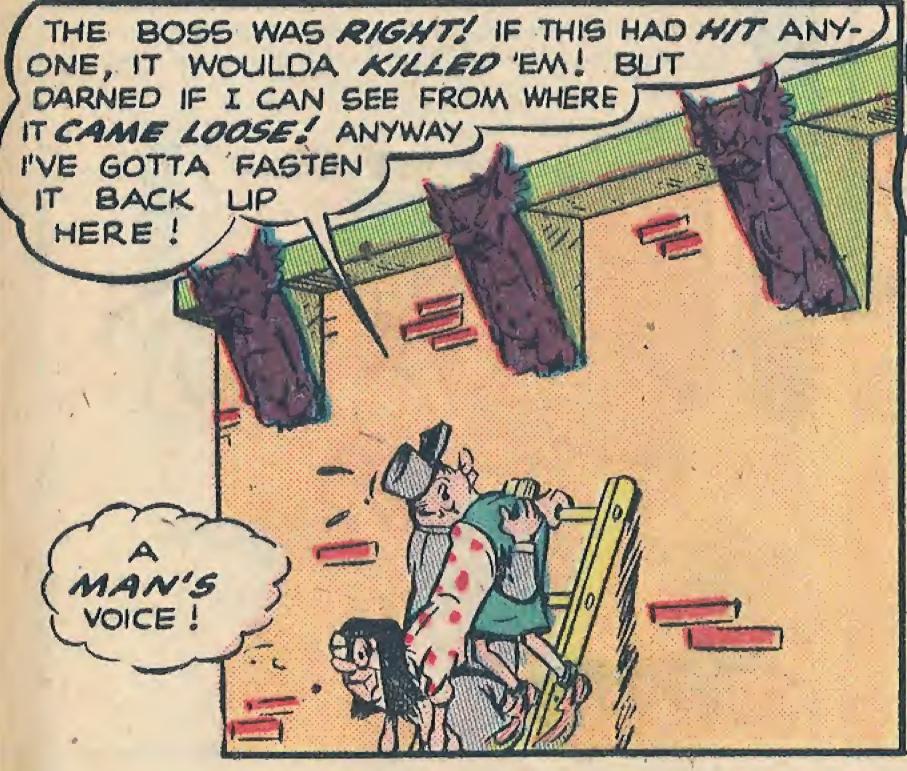


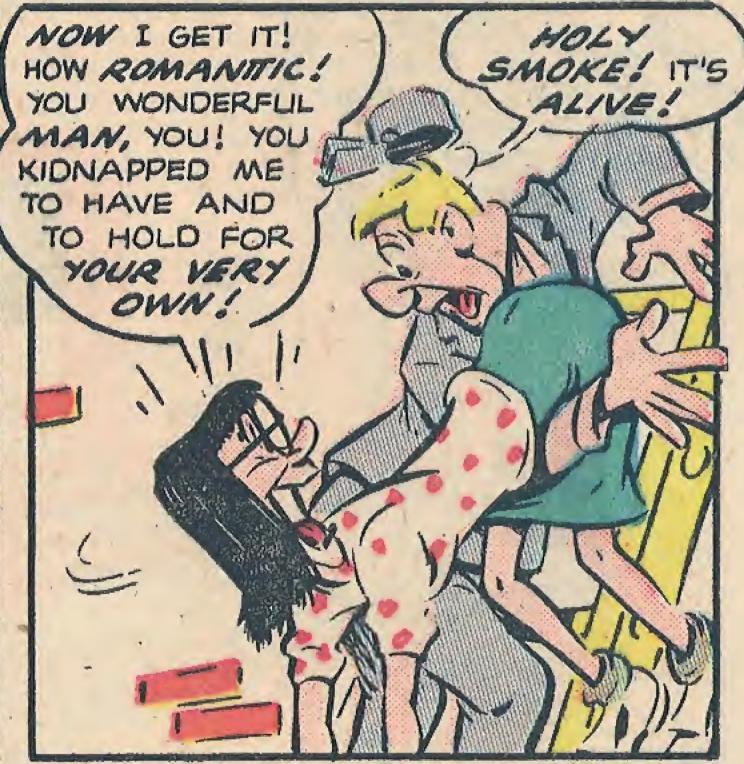


























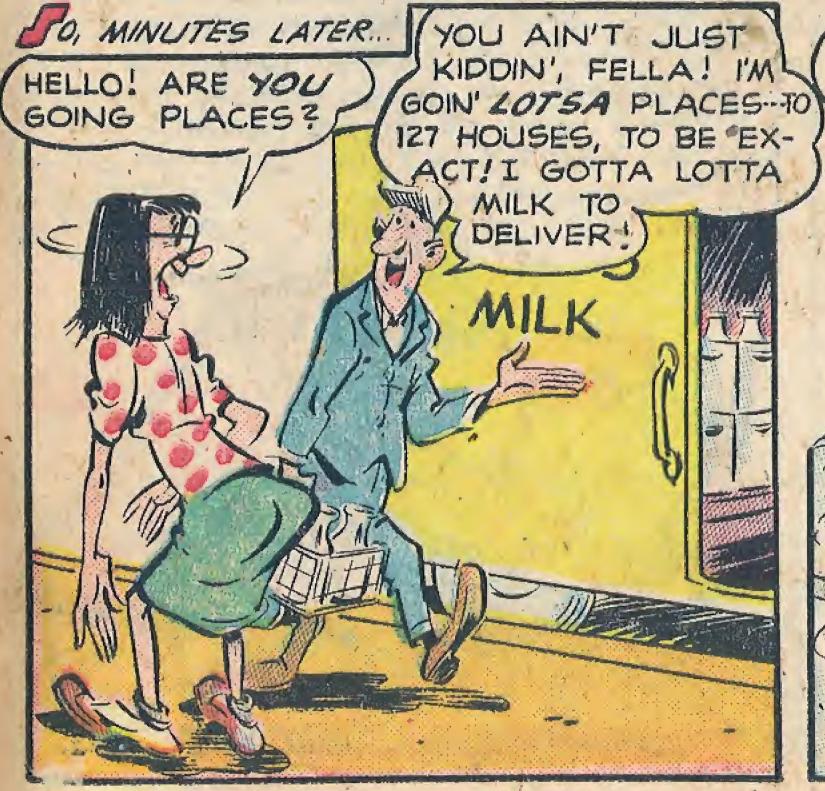


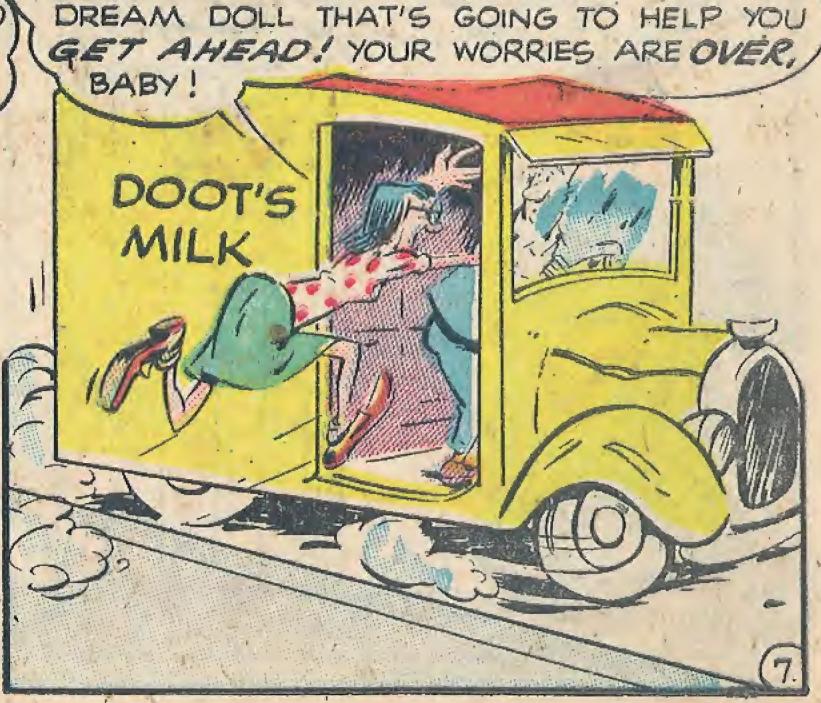






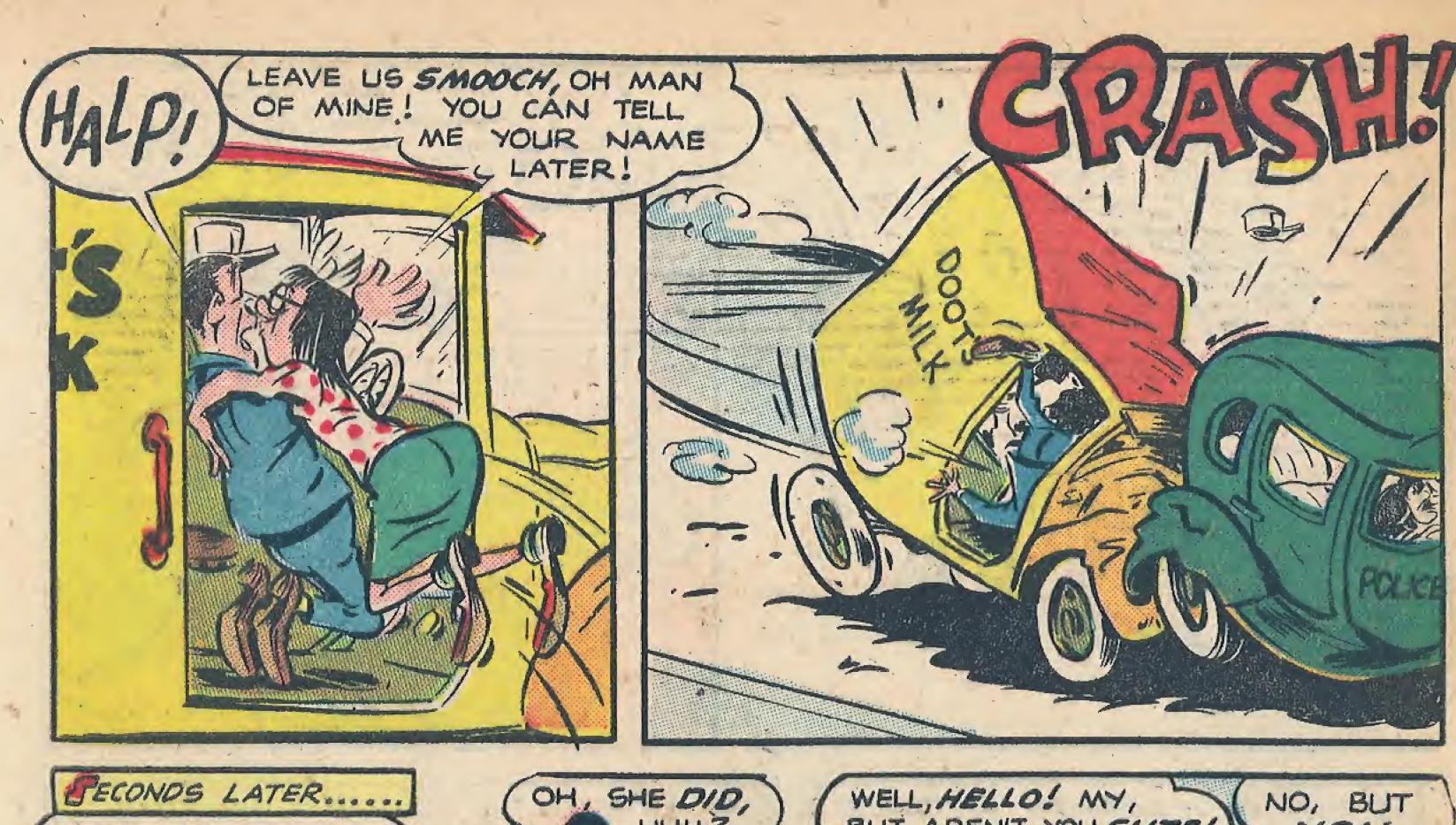


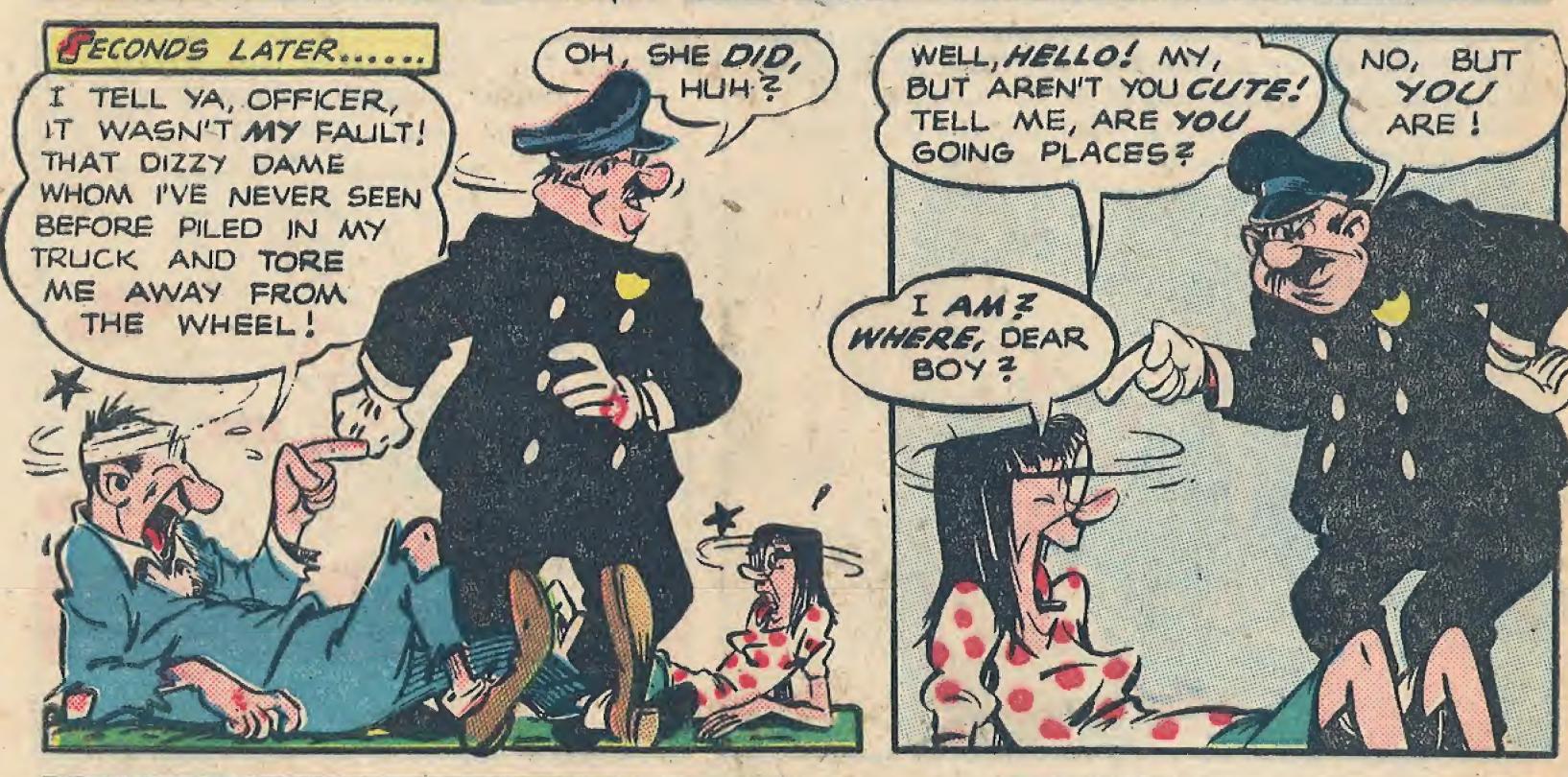




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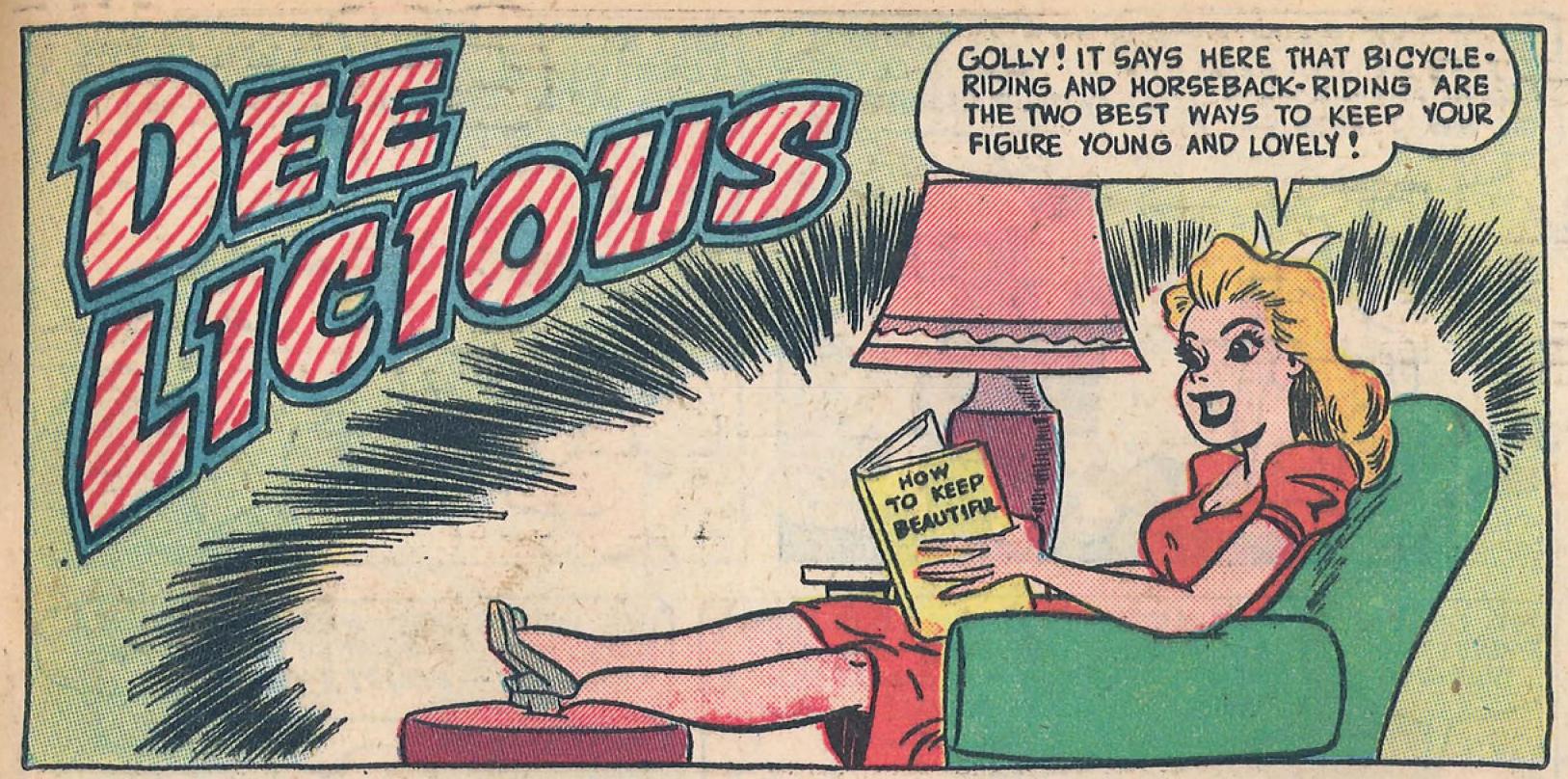
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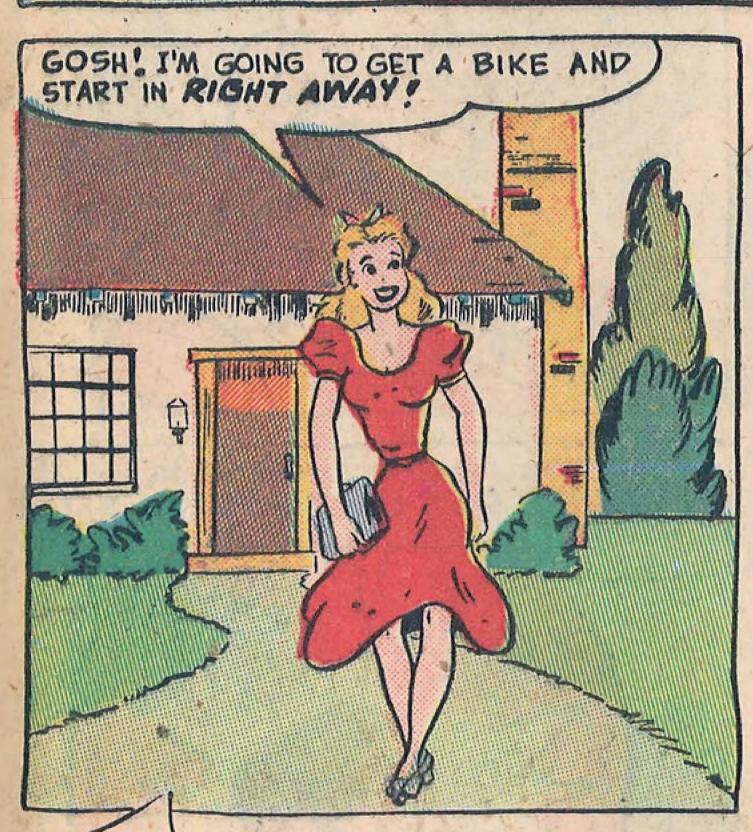






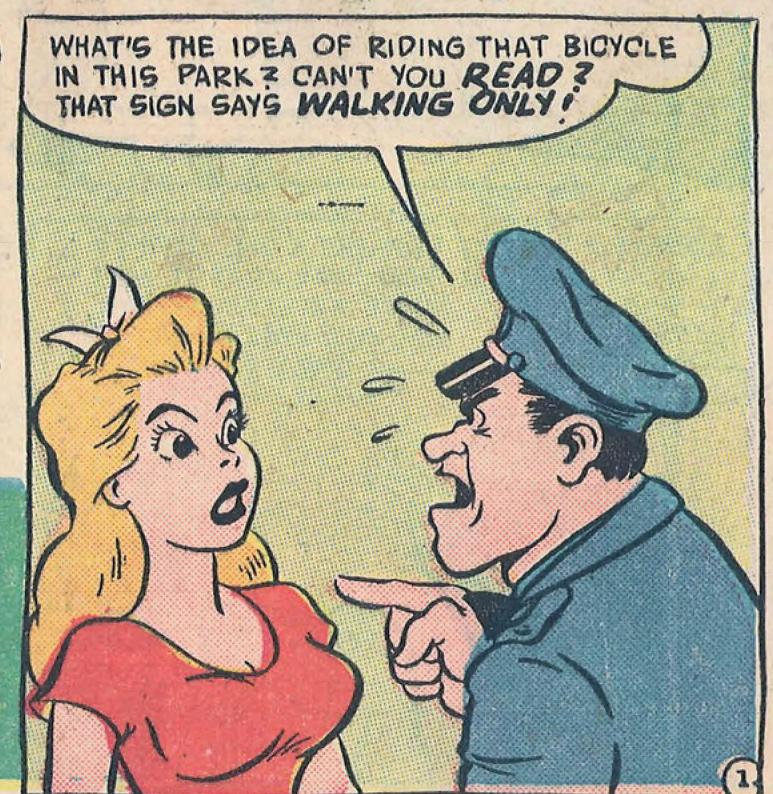






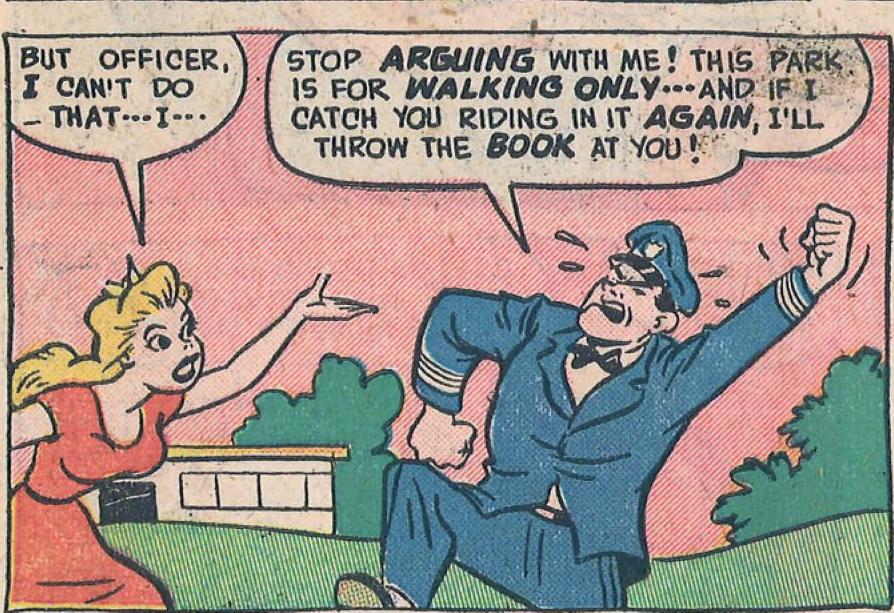




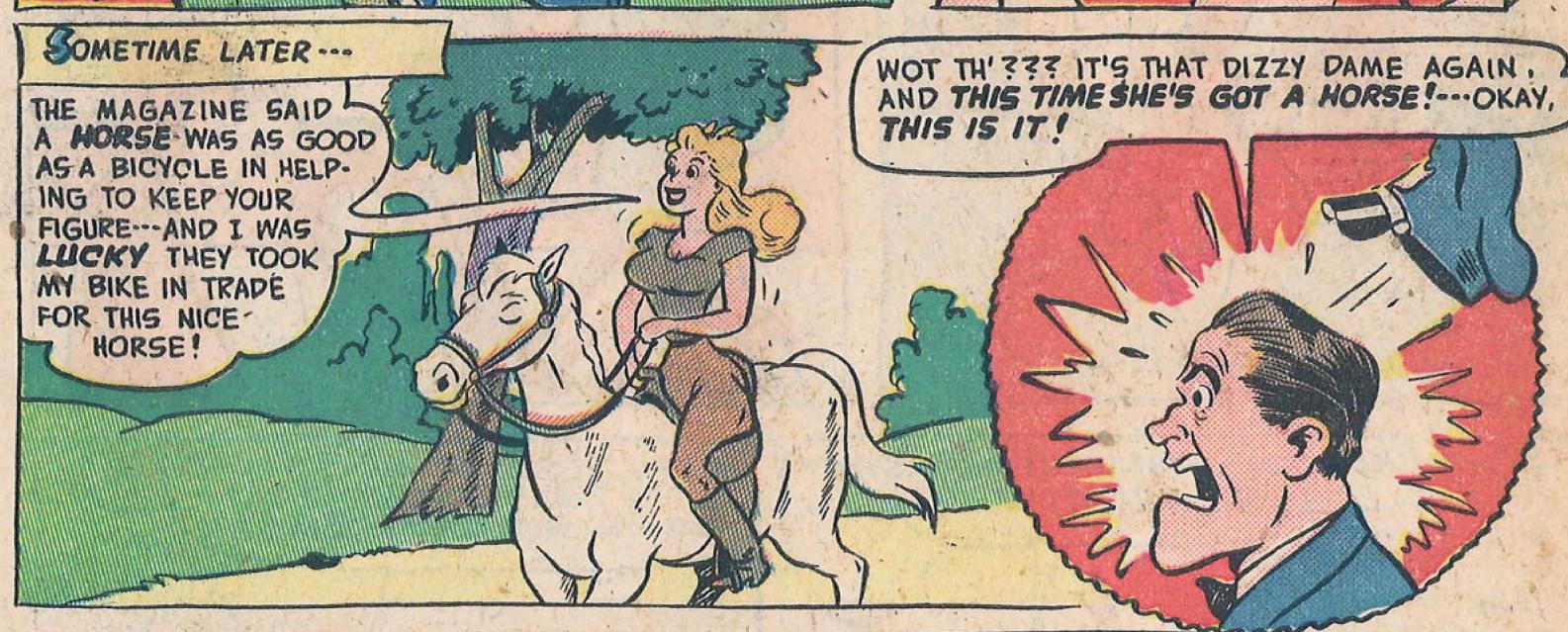




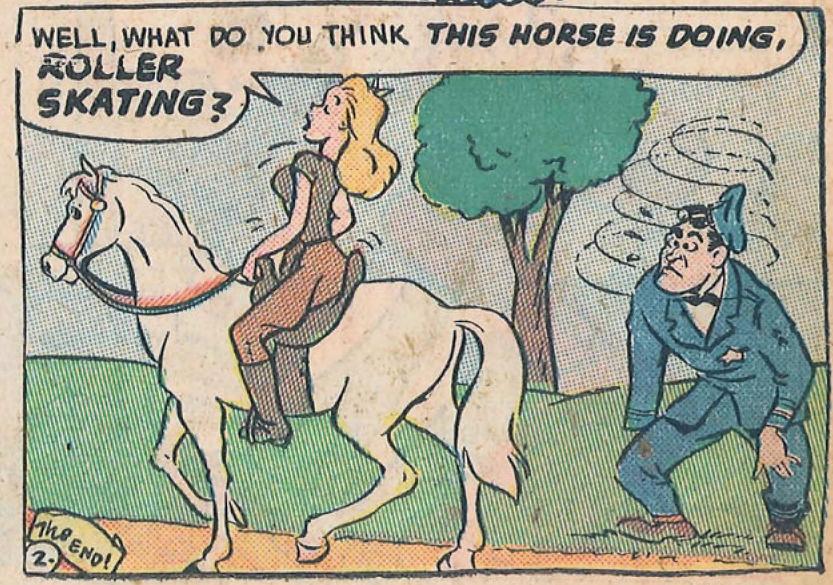


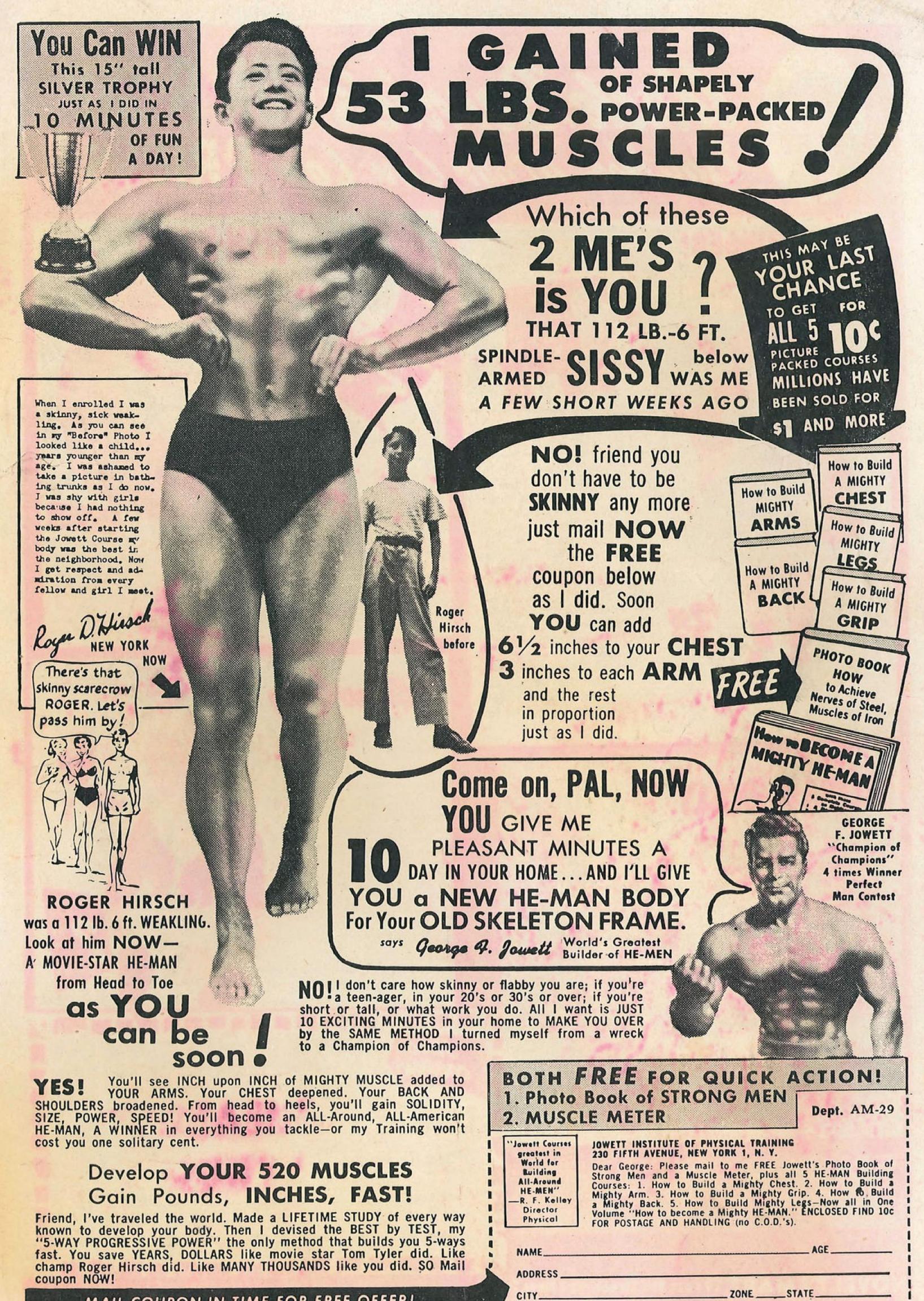












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